



WebObjects Technical Overview

Session 701





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What You'll Learn

- WO Tools
- WO Frameworks
- WO Deployment
- What's the deal with WO 5.1?

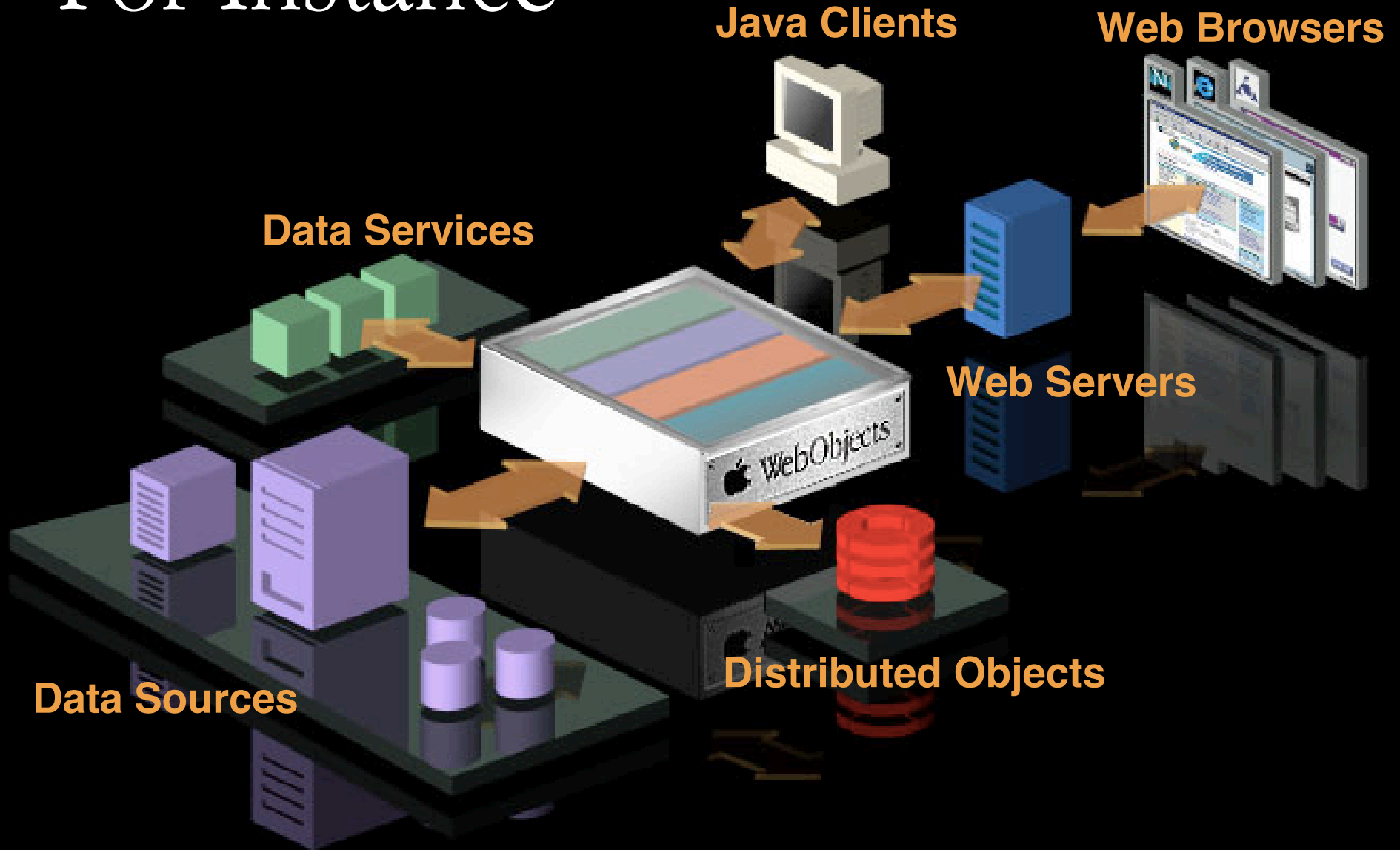


What WebObjects Does

- It is an Application Server
- Who invented that term anyway?
- It is more than just that
 - Developer Tools
 - Pre-written objects (Frameworks) ← The best part!
 - Runtime environment
 - Monitoring and control tools



For Instance



Who WebObjects Is For

- Developers
- Very powerful
- Steep learning curve
- But that is OK



WebObjects Works With . . .

- Java
- Databases—JDBC , Oracle, SQL Server, OpenBase, . . .
- JNDI Servers—LDAP . . .
- Different UIs—HTML, WAP, PDF, SVG, SMIL, XML
- Most web servers—Apache, Netscape, IIS
- Former competitors—WebLogic . . .
- Lots of third-party objects and APIs
- Open open open open open open open open



Where You Can Use WebObjects 5

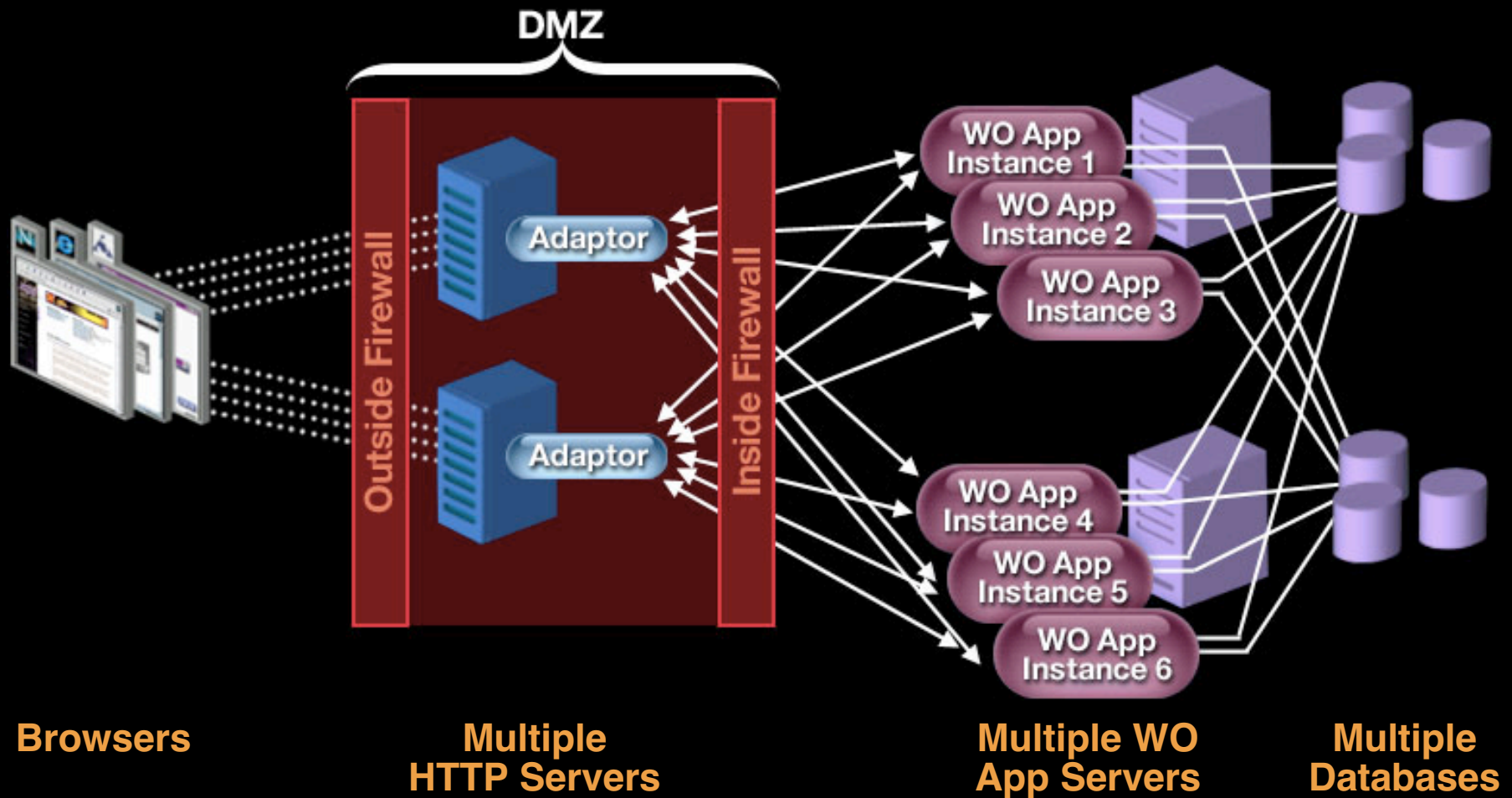
- Develop on Mac OS X or Windows 2000
- Deploy on Mac OS X Server,
Windows 2000, Solaris
 - (Theoretically, anywhere with Java 2)
 - And now—Servlet Deployment
- Mix and match as needed
- Start small and grow bigger



Start With This . . .



And Scale Easily to This



Key Ideas

- Web Components (front-end)
- Enterprise Objects (back-end)
- Kept completely separate
- Bound together at runtime



Web Components

HTML templates

+

<WEBOBJECT> tags that indicate where something interesting and dynamic happens

+

Bindings that fill in the blanks

+

Lots of pre-written objects to re-use



WO Components

More about this later but this is what they look like...

Main.wo/

- Main.html
- Main.wod

```
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Main.java

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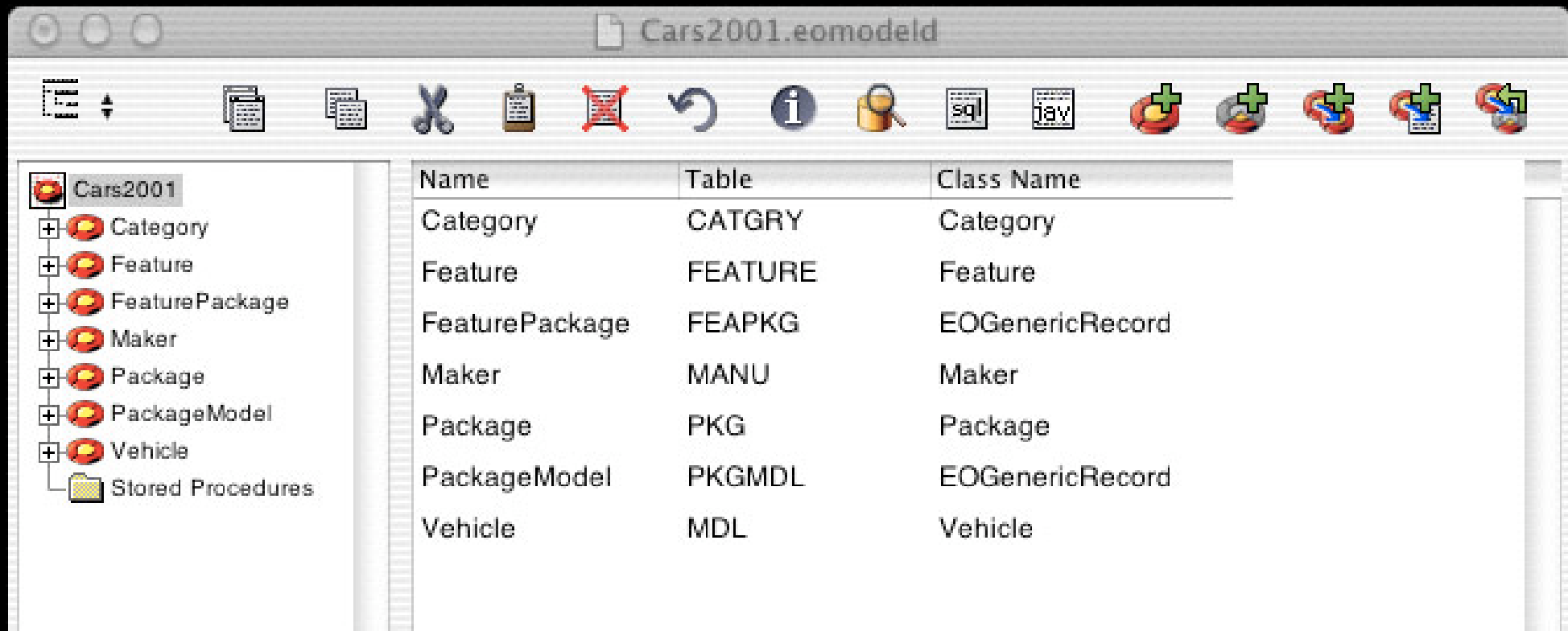
What Comes Out of a Component?

- A string—of your choice
 - Plain text
 - HTML
 - Image data
 - JavaScript commands
 - AppleScript commands
 - PDF, SMIL, SVG, XML,



Enterprise Objects

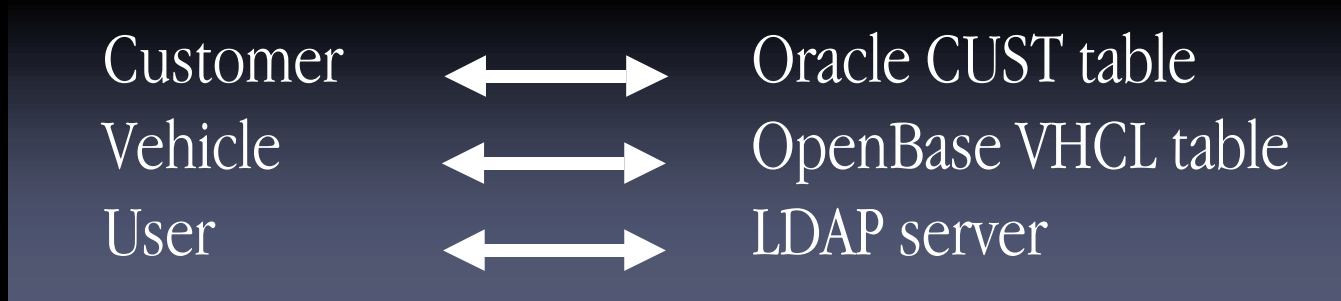
- The back-end database connection technology
- Driven by a Model



Name	Table	Class Name
Category	CATGRY	Category
Feature	FEATURE	Feature
FeaturePackage	FEAPKG	EOGenericRecord
Maker	MANU	Maker
Package	PKG	Package
PackageModel	PKGMDL	EOGenericRecord
Vehicle	MDL	Vehicle

Enterprise Objects

- Java objects that implement your business rules . . .
 - Customer, Order, Product, Vehicle, Package, Option
- JDBC/JNDI Adaptors that speak to databases
 - Oracle, OpenBase, LDAP . . .
- Models that connect objects to databases



- Relationships between objects
 - Customer has a list of Vehicles



EOF Is the Real Gem Here!

- Pure business objects
- Totally UI independent
- Totally database independent
- Persistence is completely managed for you



. . All Bound Together . . .

- WO app
 - Loads components
 - Finds **<WEBOBJECT>** tags
 - Fetches and sends messages to Enterprise Objects
 - Mixes results into the component
- User sees plain HTML (PDF, WAP, XML)
- Customize the entire process at runtime if needed



. . With Advanced Session Management

- WO manages an extensible Session object for each individual user
- Also an application object shared by all
- Complete control over session creation and archiving
- Extend Session to add security, shopping carts, user preferences, personalization and so on



. . And Runtime Monitoring Tools

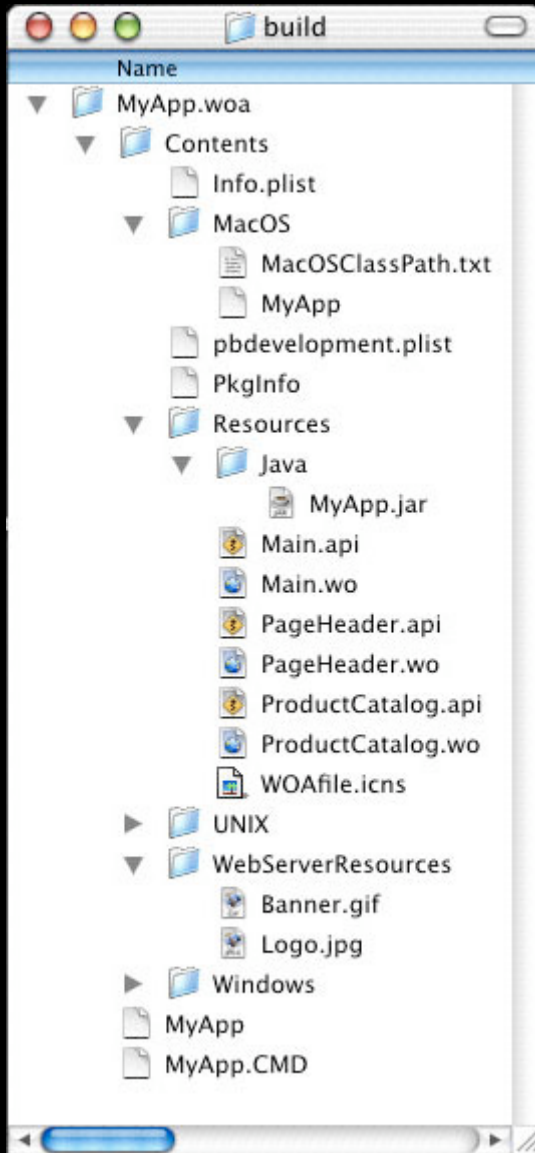
- Monitor
 - WO application that manages your big honkin' deployment environment
- Or—Servlet Deployment
 - Just copy your app to the right place for WebLogic, Tomcat, etc





What Is It You're
Creating Anyway?

You Build This . . .

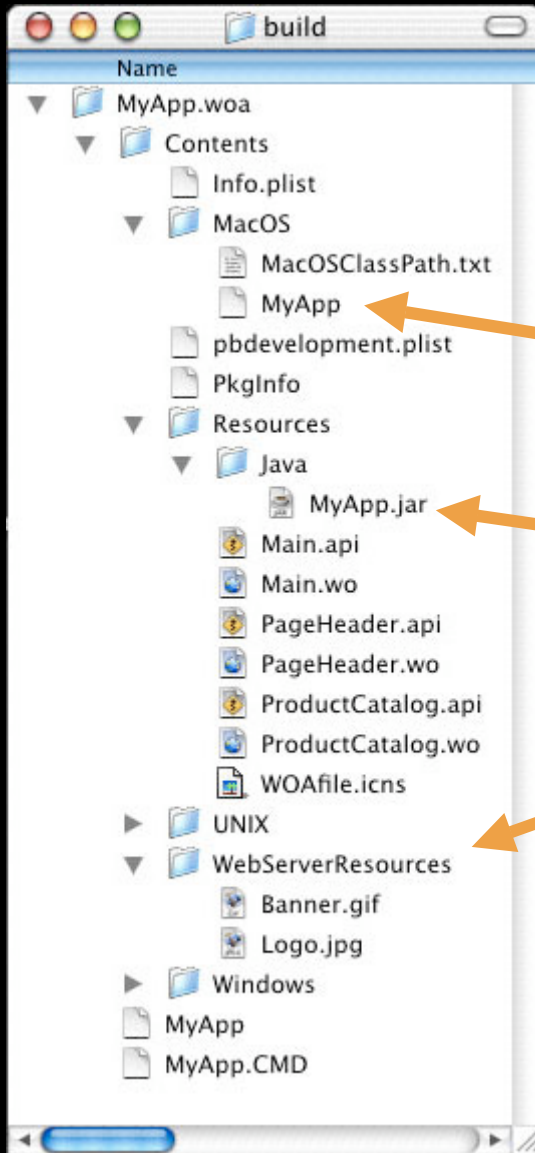


A bunch of WO components
+ Your own Java code
+ Images and other resources
+ References to frameworks

A big honkin' **MyApp.woa** folder



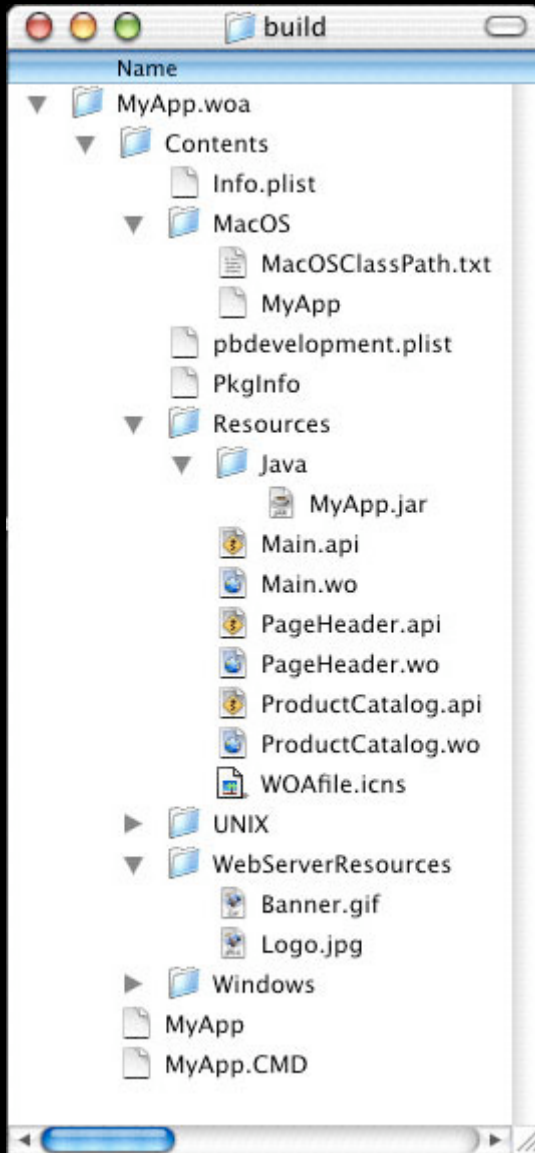
You Build This . . .



Shell script
runs Java with this jar file
and arranges to find images here.



Launch It From Project Builder



PB executes the MyApp script

java -classpath SomeHumongousPath Application

MyApp picks a port number and figures out its own URL

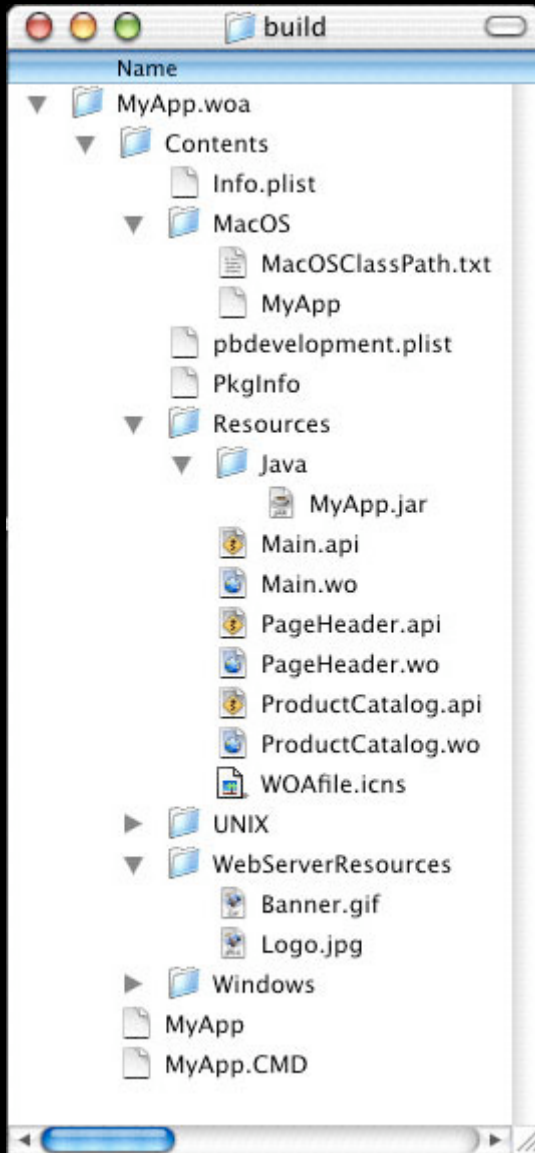
<http://localhost:31416/cgi-bin/WebObjects/MyApp>

Your browser opens the URL.

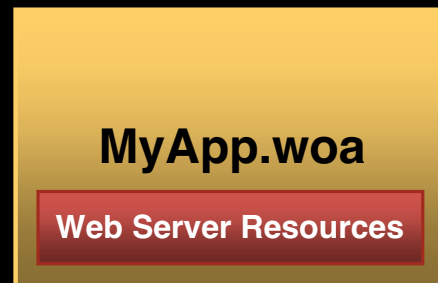
Direct Connect



Direct Connect



↔ Requests for Images
↔ Requests for HTML

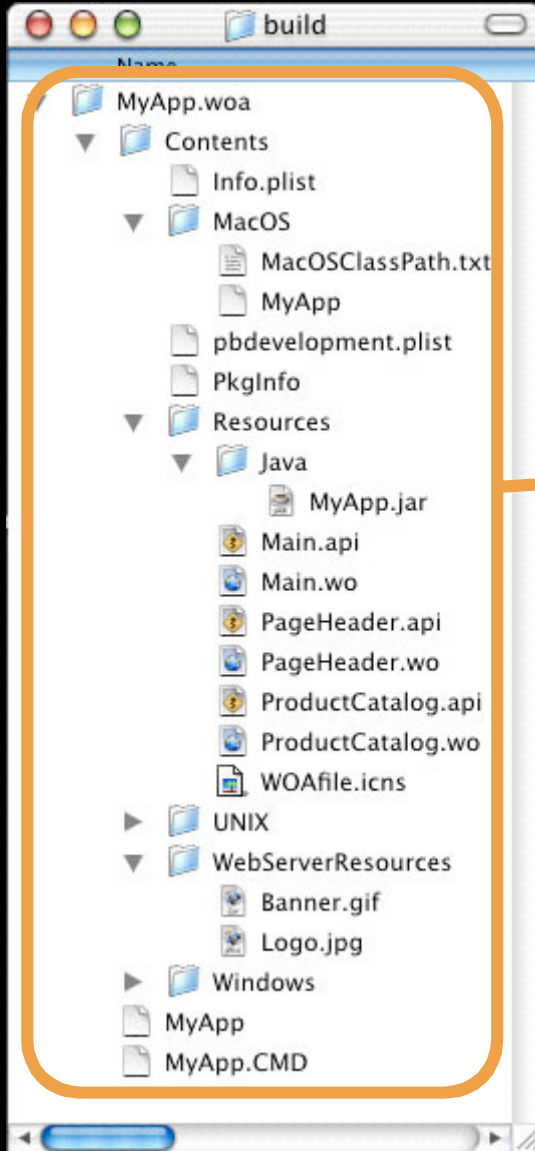


- No web server involved at all
- Browser connects directly to WO app
- Useful during development but not for deployment



When You're Ready to Deploy

Simple Install



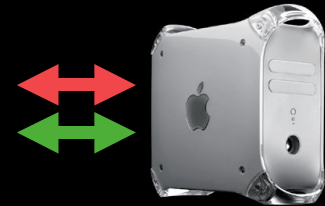
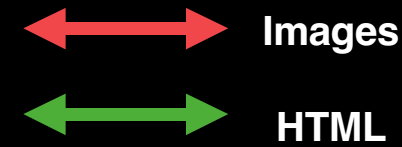
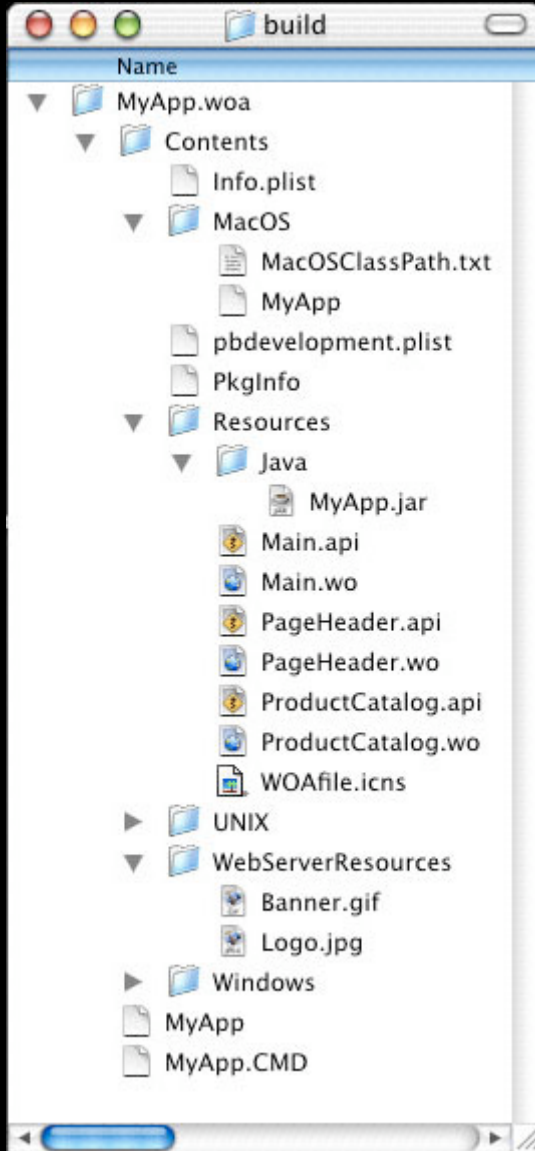
App Server



Web Server



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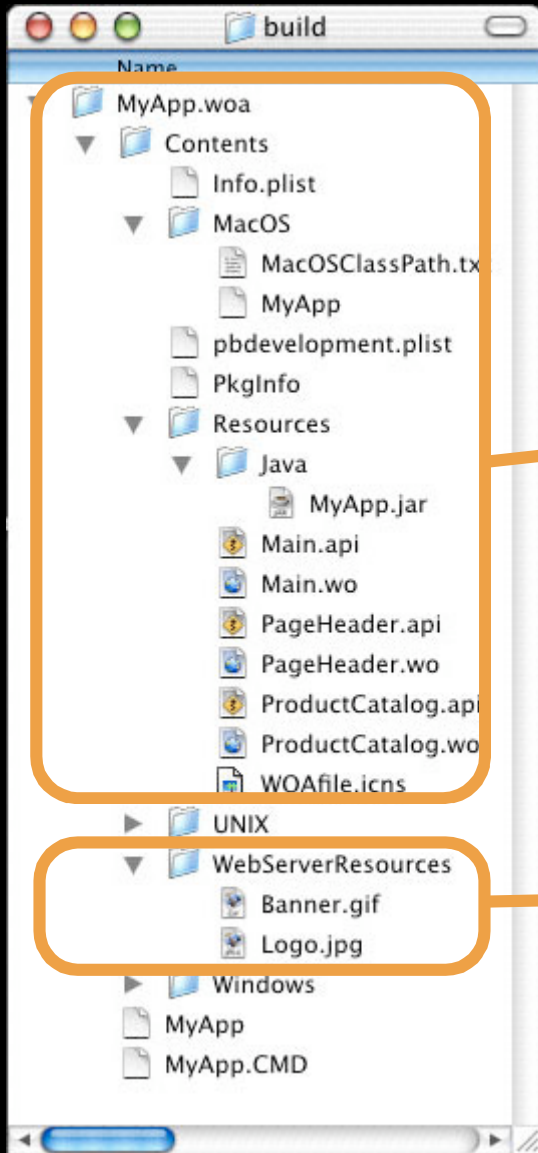
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Web Server



A Better Way to Deploy



Split Install



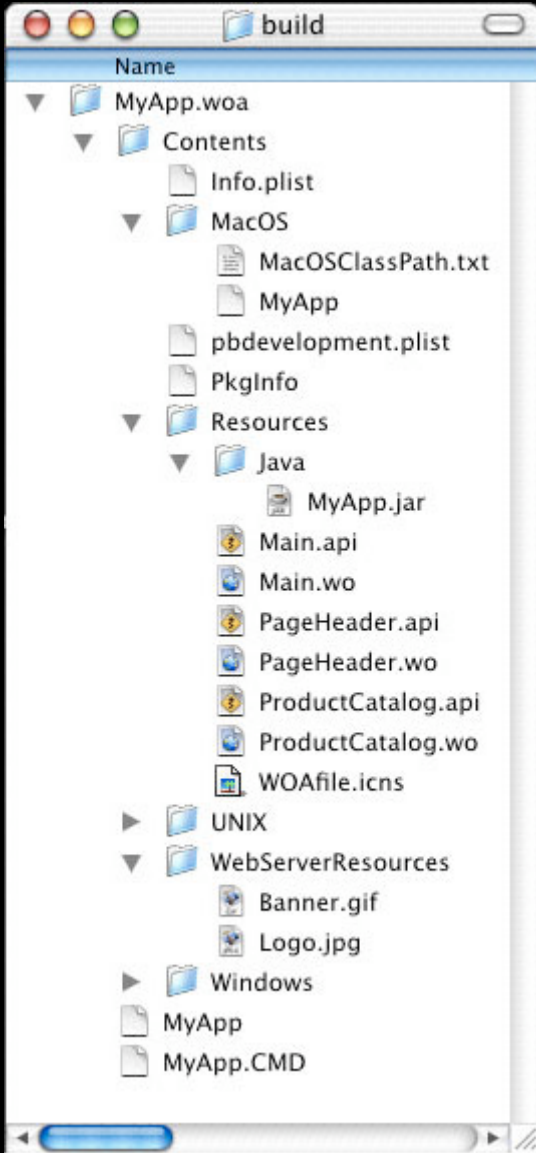
App Server



Web Server



Split Installs



App Server



Web Server



Images



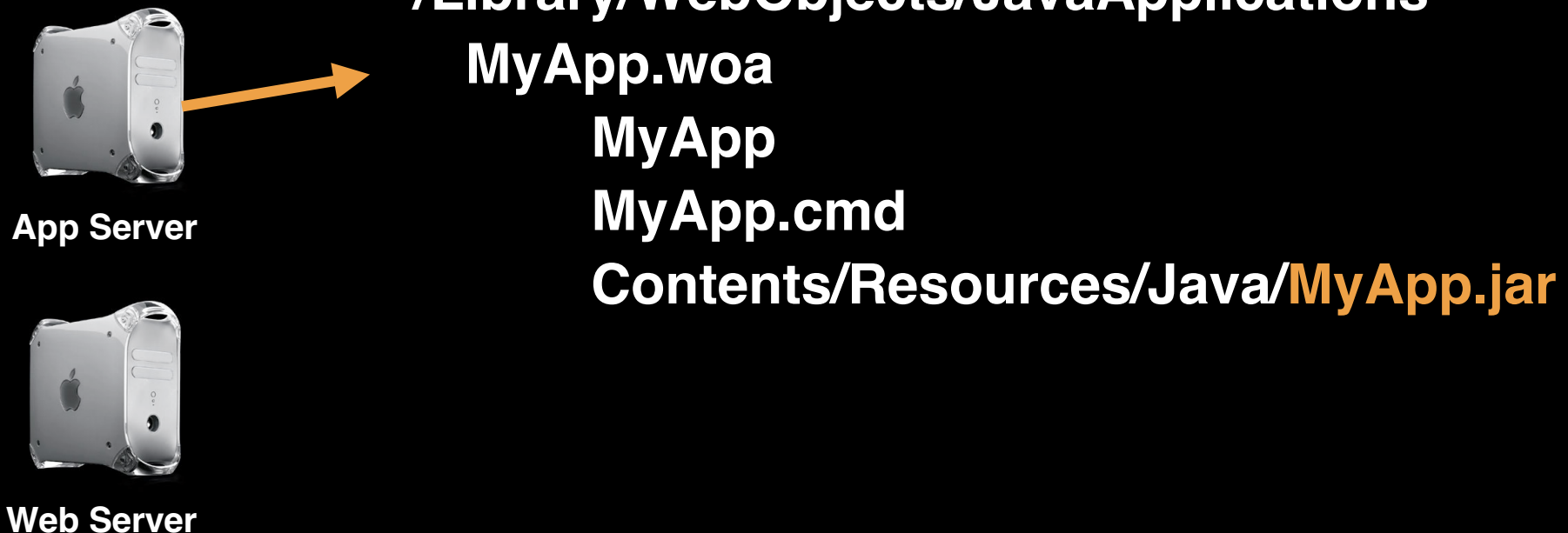
HTML

Web Server Resources



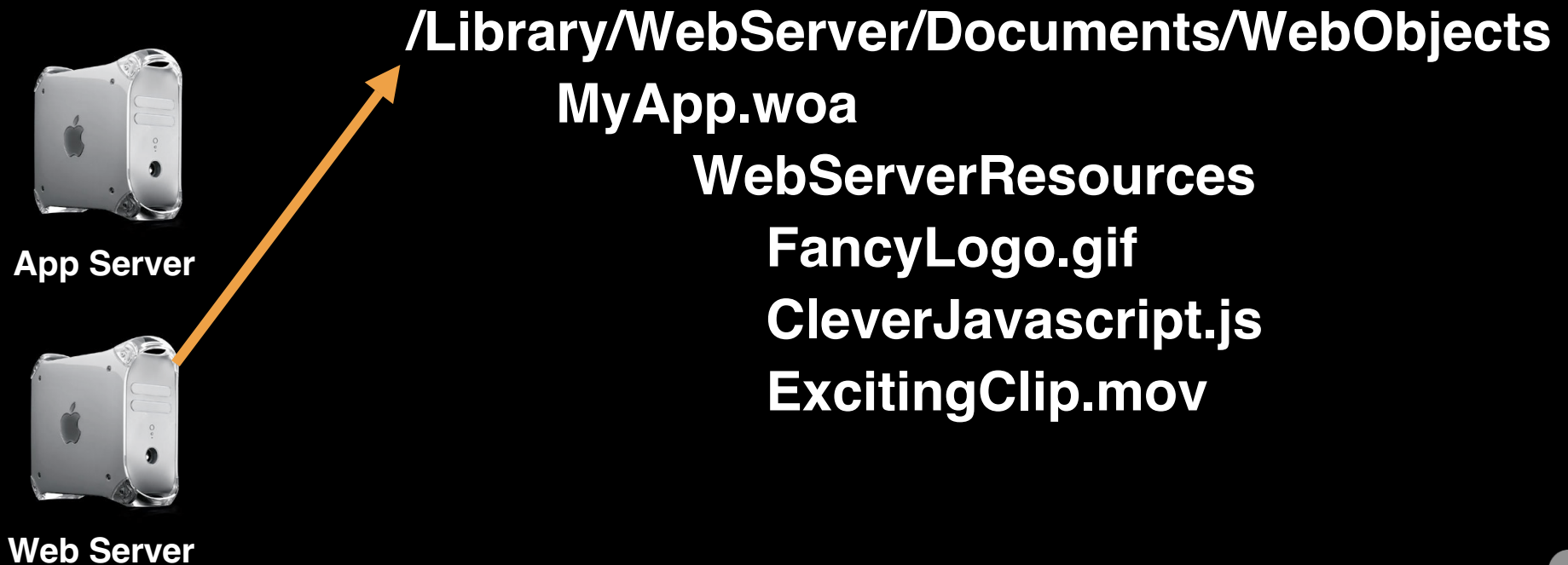
Split Installs

- Actual code goes on the application server, where people can not download it



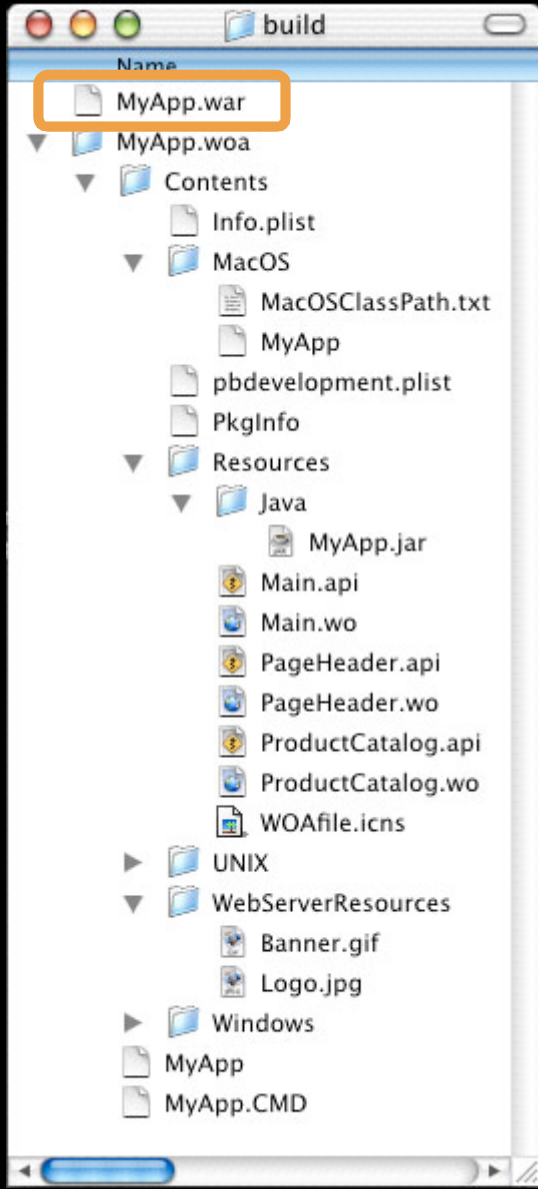
Split Installs

- Images and other nonsensitive resources can go directly on the web server



Servlet Deployment

WebObject 5.1



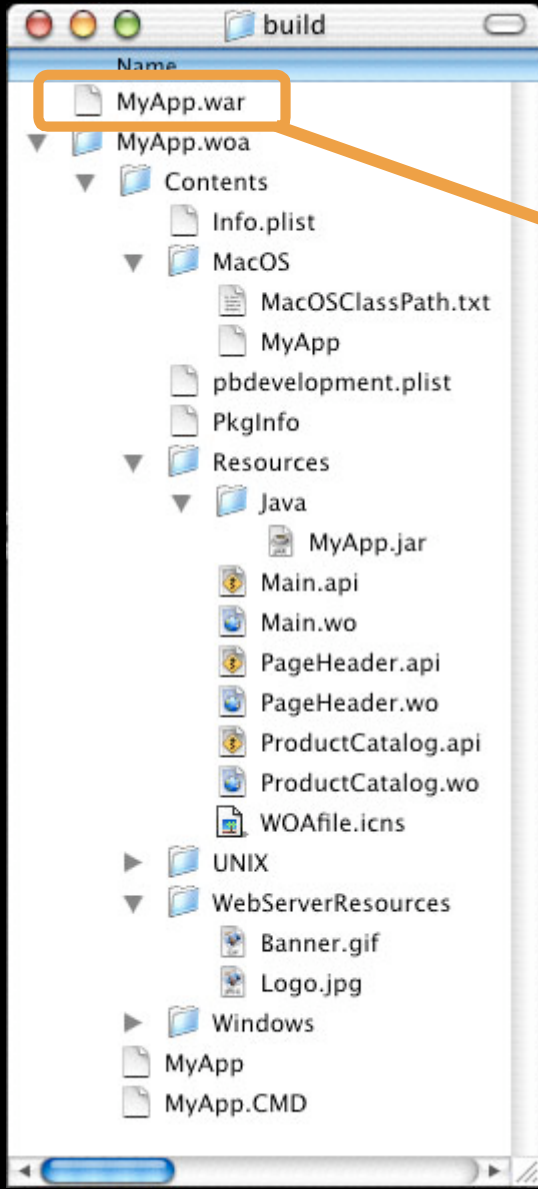
A bunch of HTML/ WOD components
+ Your own Java code
+ Images and other resources
+ References to frameworks
+ **JavaWOJSPServlet.framework**

All that other stuff,
and a single **MyApp.war** file



Servlet Deployment

WebObject 5.1



- Just copy the .war file to the Servlet Container and let it worry about running your app



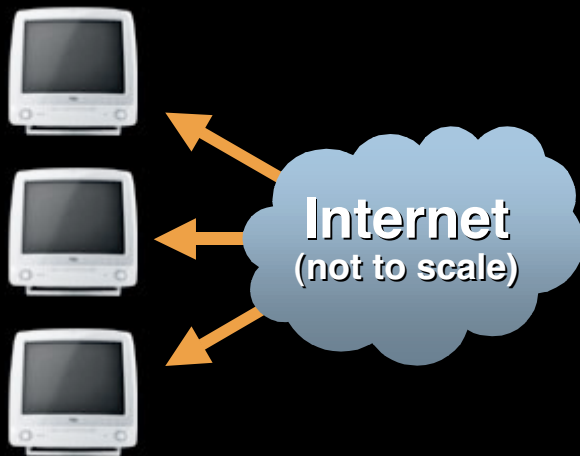
Servlet Container

`/Library/Tomcat/webapps/MyApp.war`





WebObjects in Action



Web Server

WO Adaptor

App Server

EO Adaptor

Databases

Any OS
Any Web Server

Apache
Netscape
IIS
CGI

Mac OS X Server
Windows 2000
Solaris
Other Java 2 Platforms

JDBC

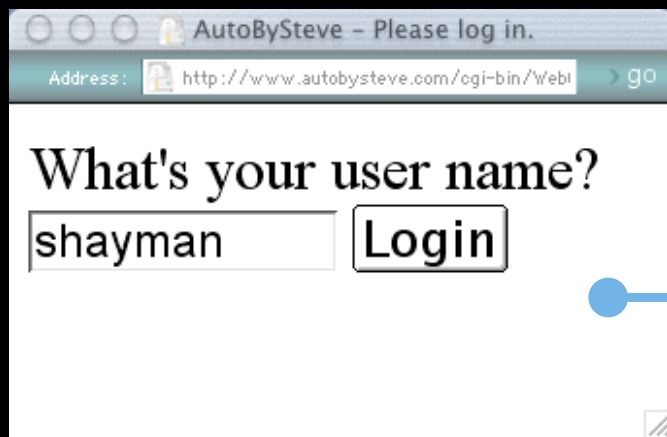
Oracle SQL Server
Openbase

JNDI
LDAP

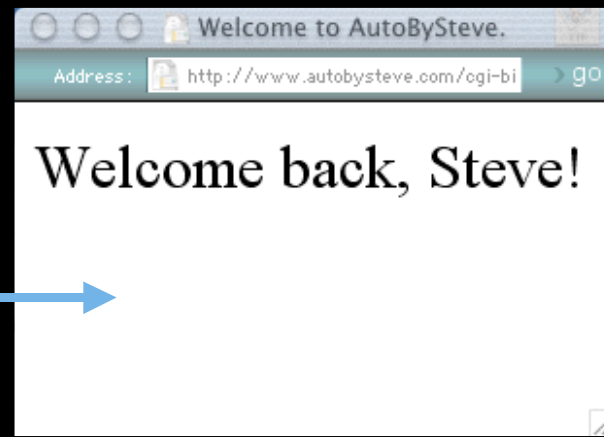




A really simple app



1. Process a request

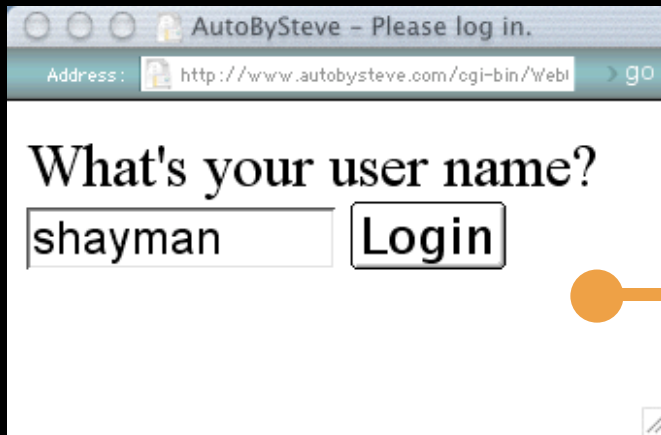


2. Generate a response

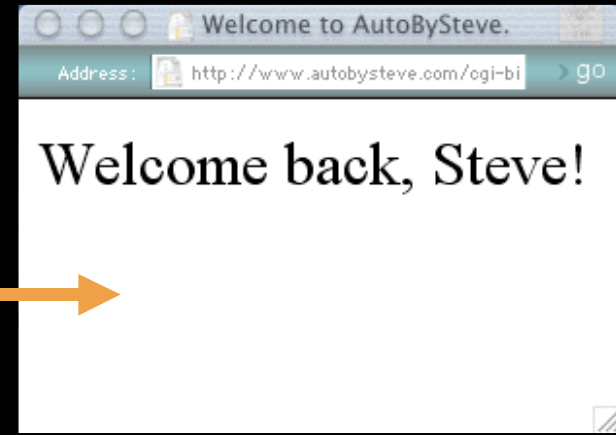




3 Steps WO does for you automatically



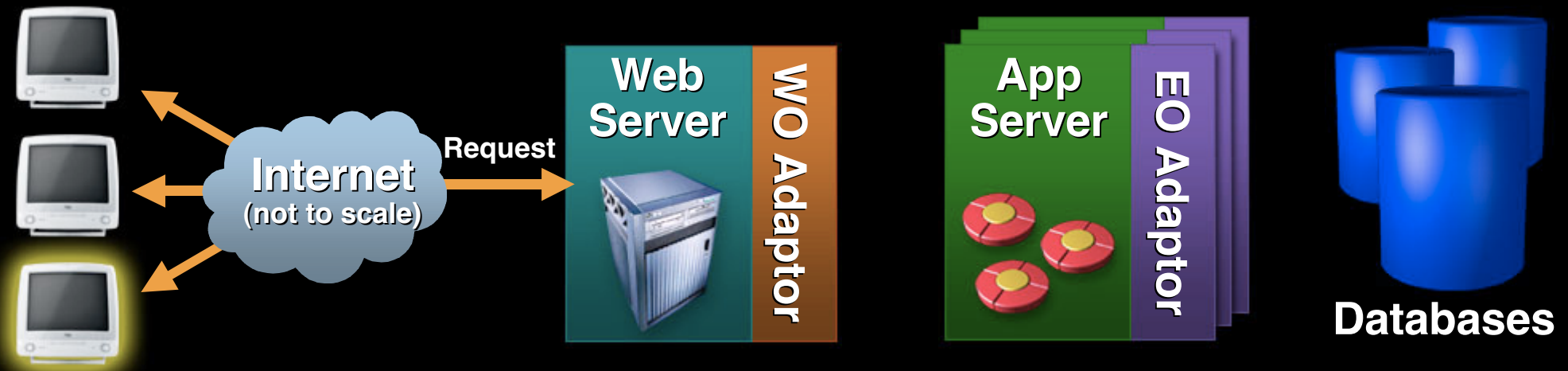
1. Take values from request



3. Generate a response

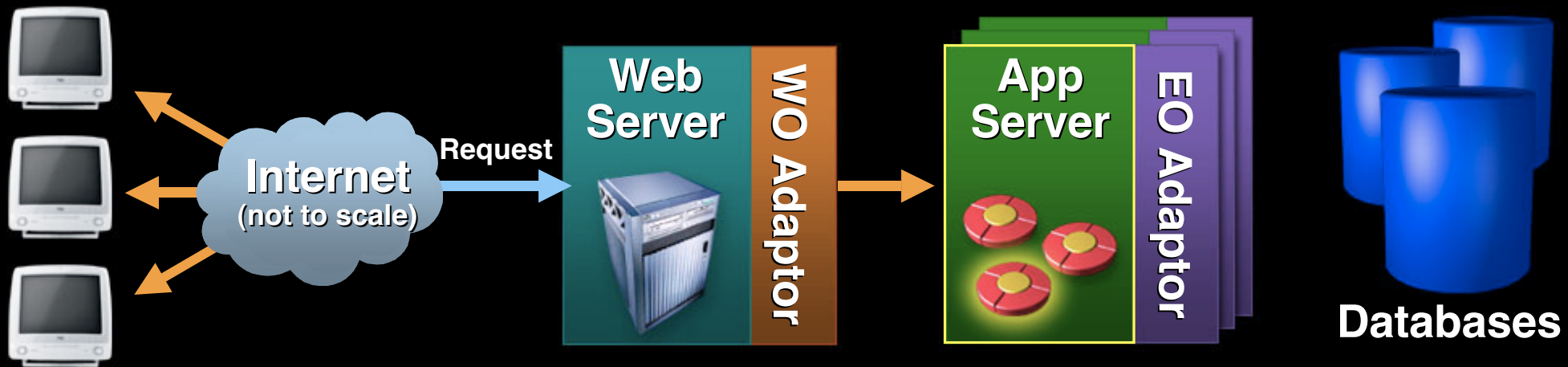
2. Invoke an action





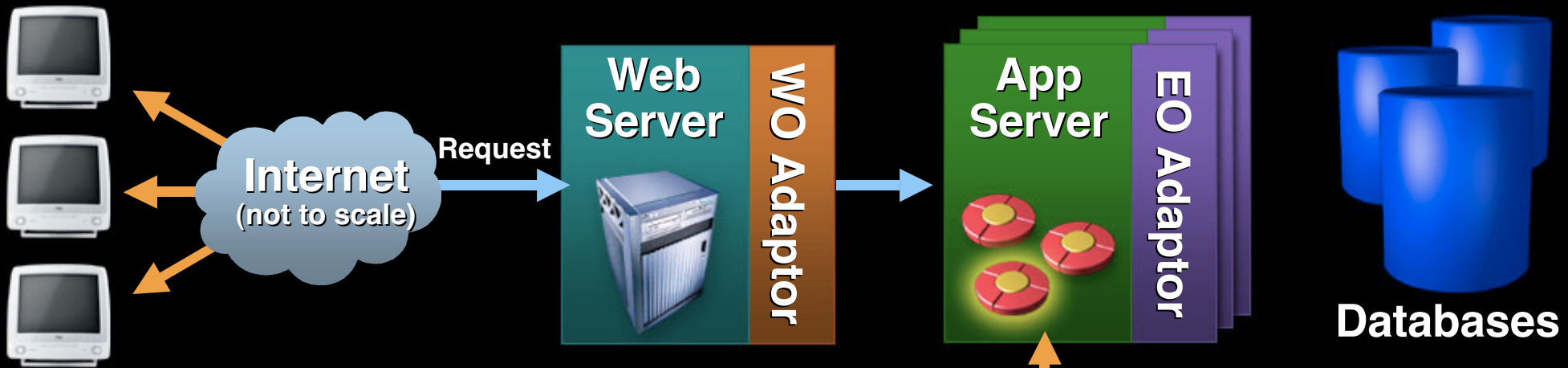
- User submits request to web server





- Web server adaptor finds appropriate application server and instance, and forwards the request to it
 - First request? A random instance is chosen, and a new Session created
 - Subsequently?
Return to the original one



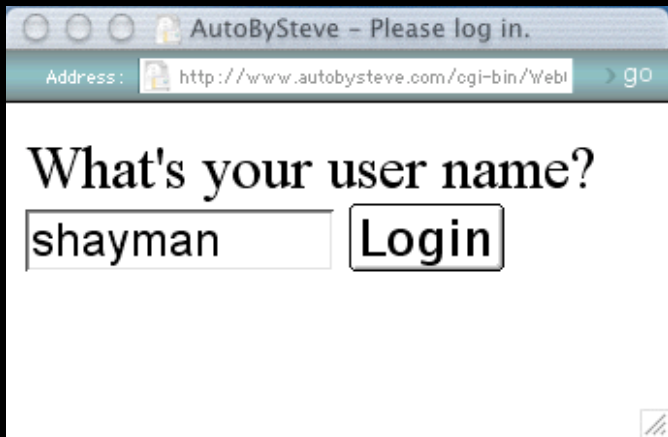


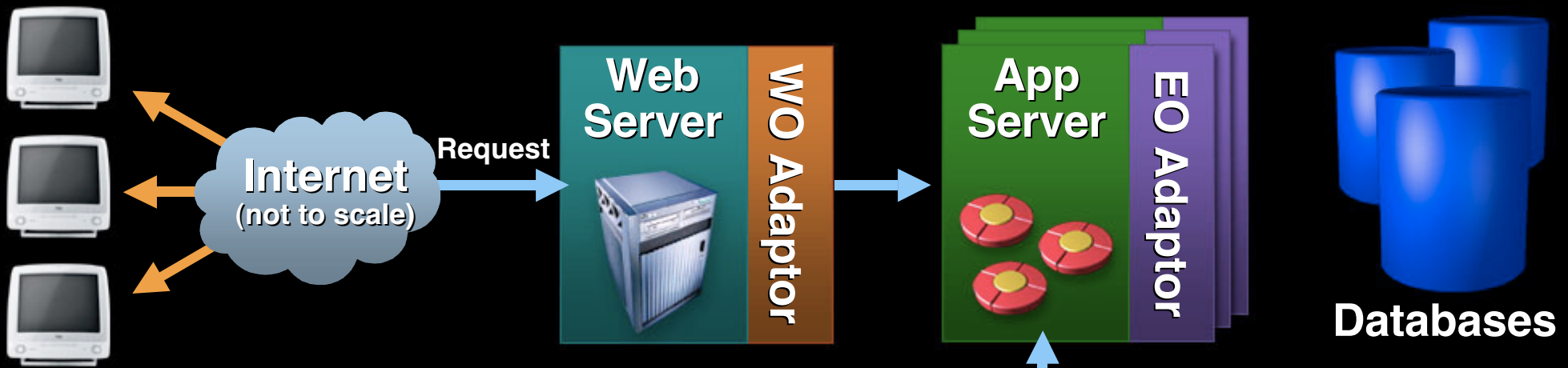
- Session finds the requesting WOComponent

Login.wo

```
<HTML>
What's your user name?
<WO NAME=FORM>
<WO NAME=INPUT>
<WO NAME=SUBMIT>
```

```
INPUT: WOTextField
{ value = userName; }
SUBMIT: WOSubmitButton {
action = handleLogin; }
```





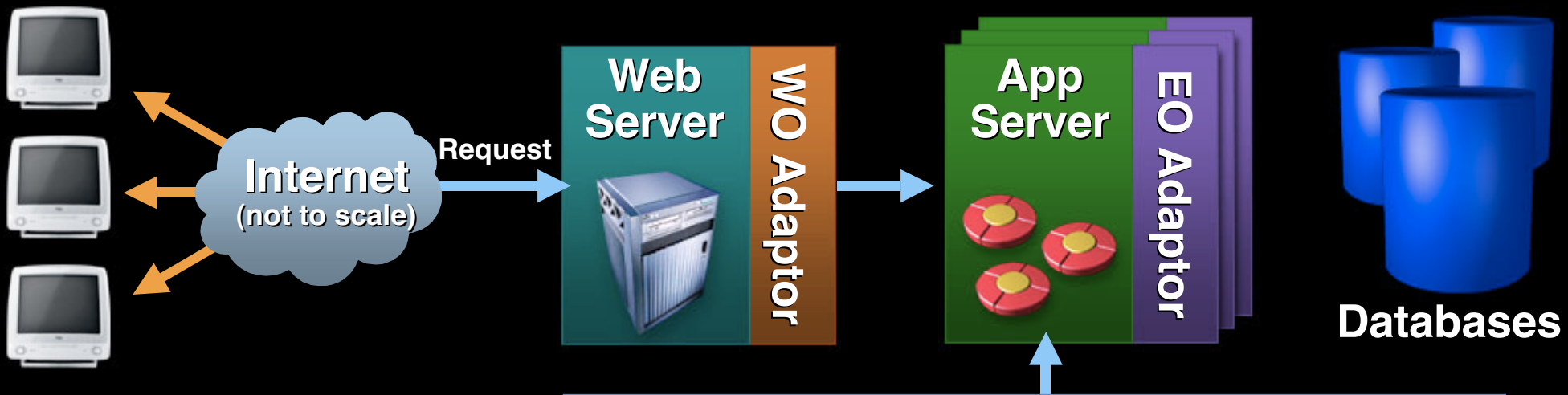
- The requesting component studies any form values that have been submitted

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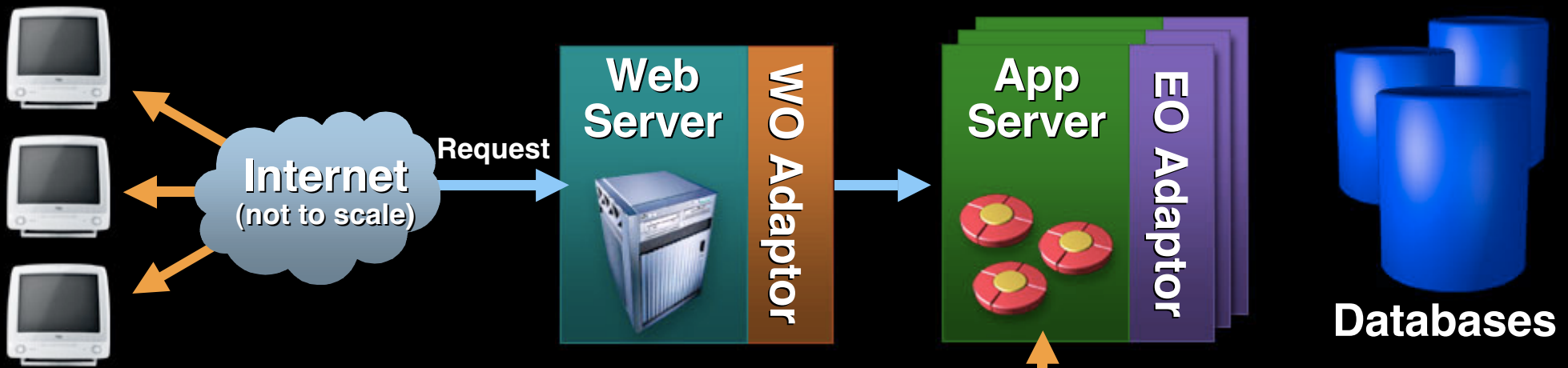


- Requesting component then figures out what action to invoke
- Action returns another component

```
// Login.java
public class Login extends WOComponent {
    public String userName;
    public WOComponent handleLogin() {
        session().fetchCustomer(userName);
        return pageWithName("Welcome");
    }
}
```

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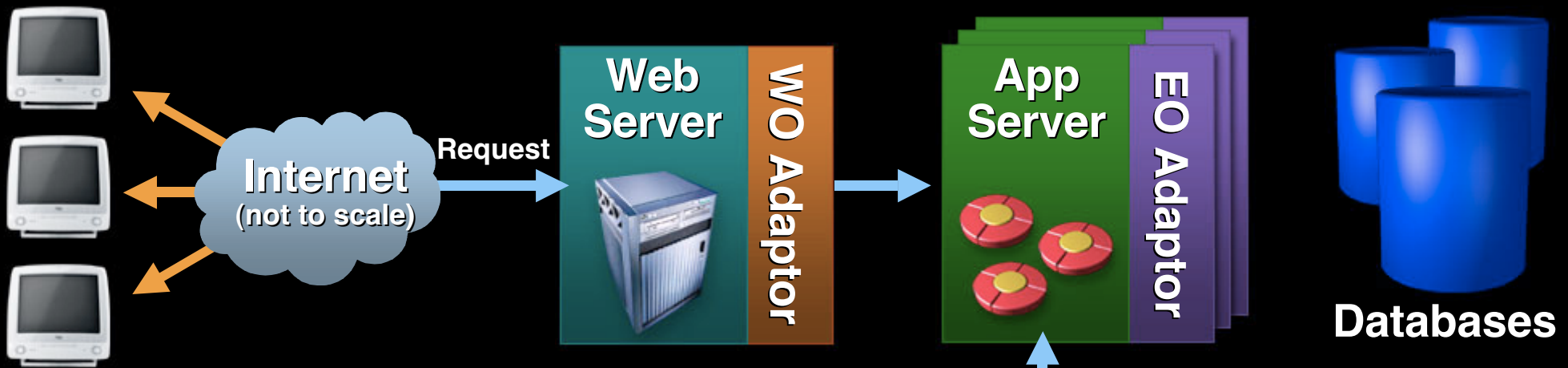
- Action is invoked, and session loads the resulting response component

Welcome.wo

```
<HTML>
Welcome back,
<WEBOBJECT
NAME=UserName>
```

```
UserName: WOString
{ value =
  session.customer.firstName;
}
```





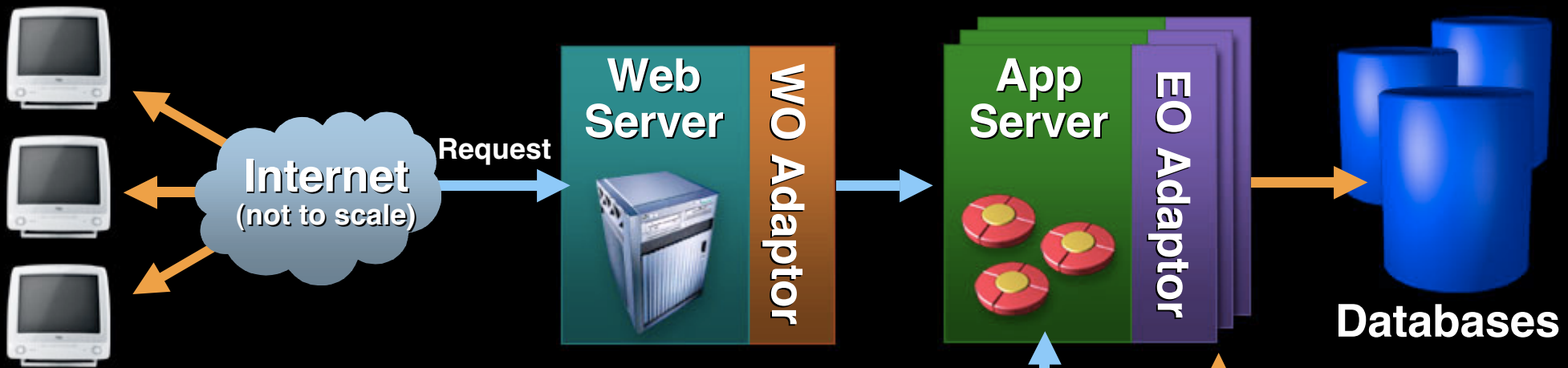
- WEBOBJECT tags and corresponding messages are identified

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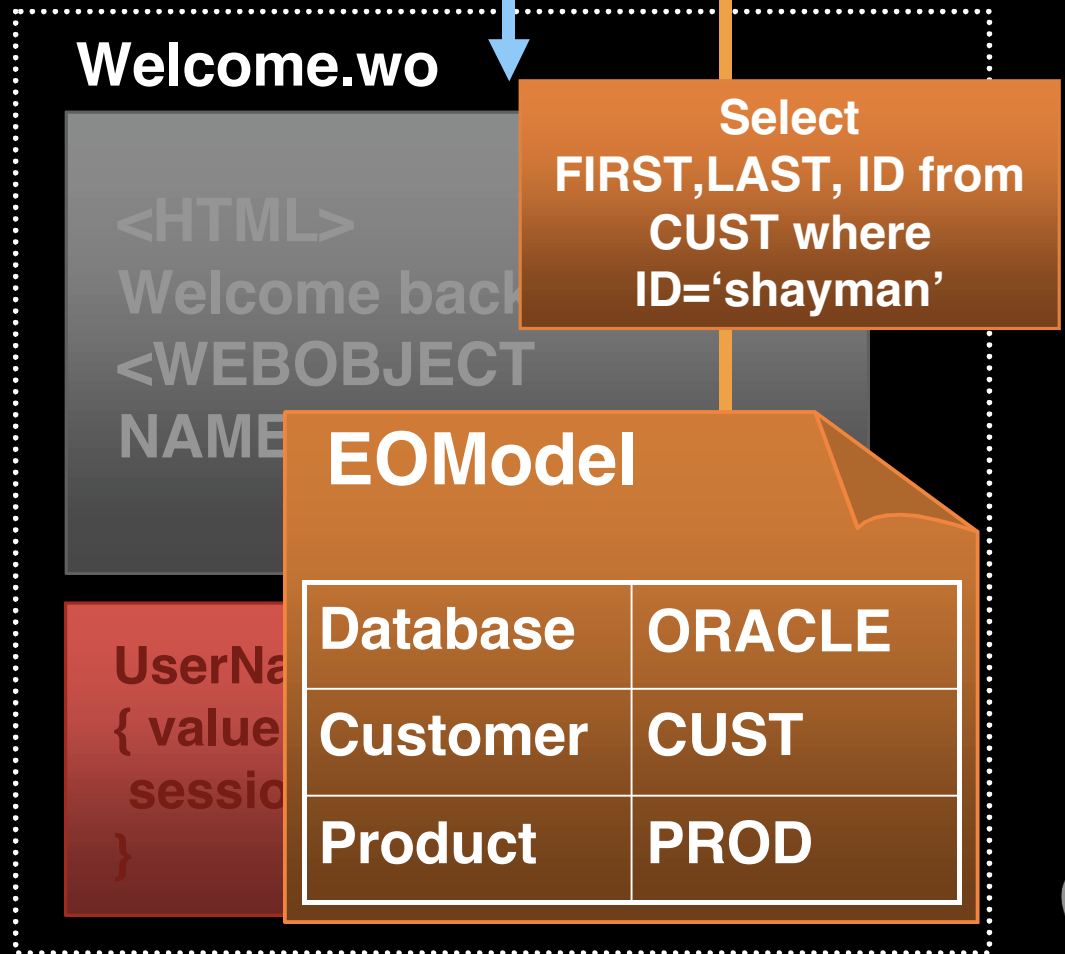
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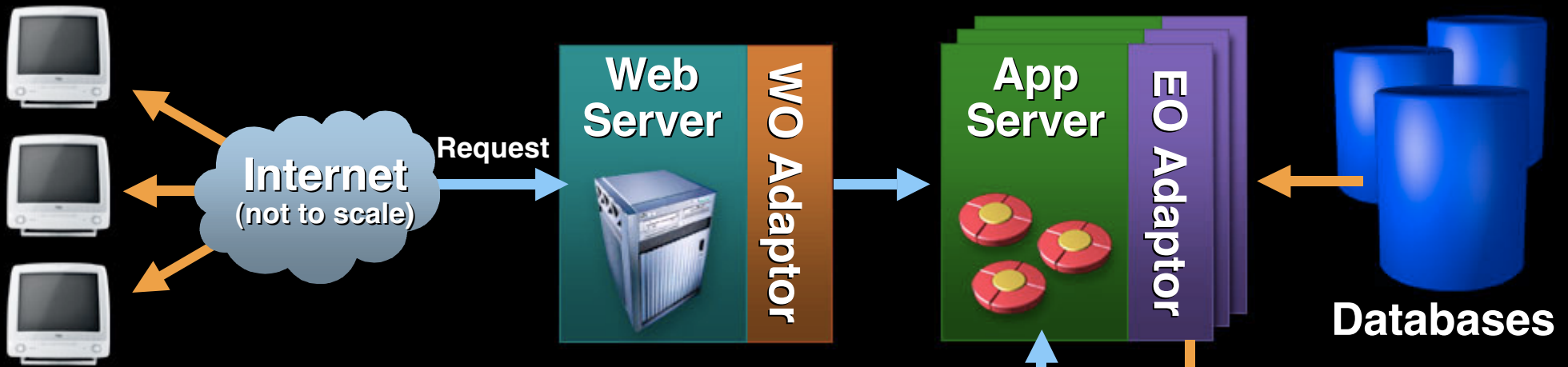
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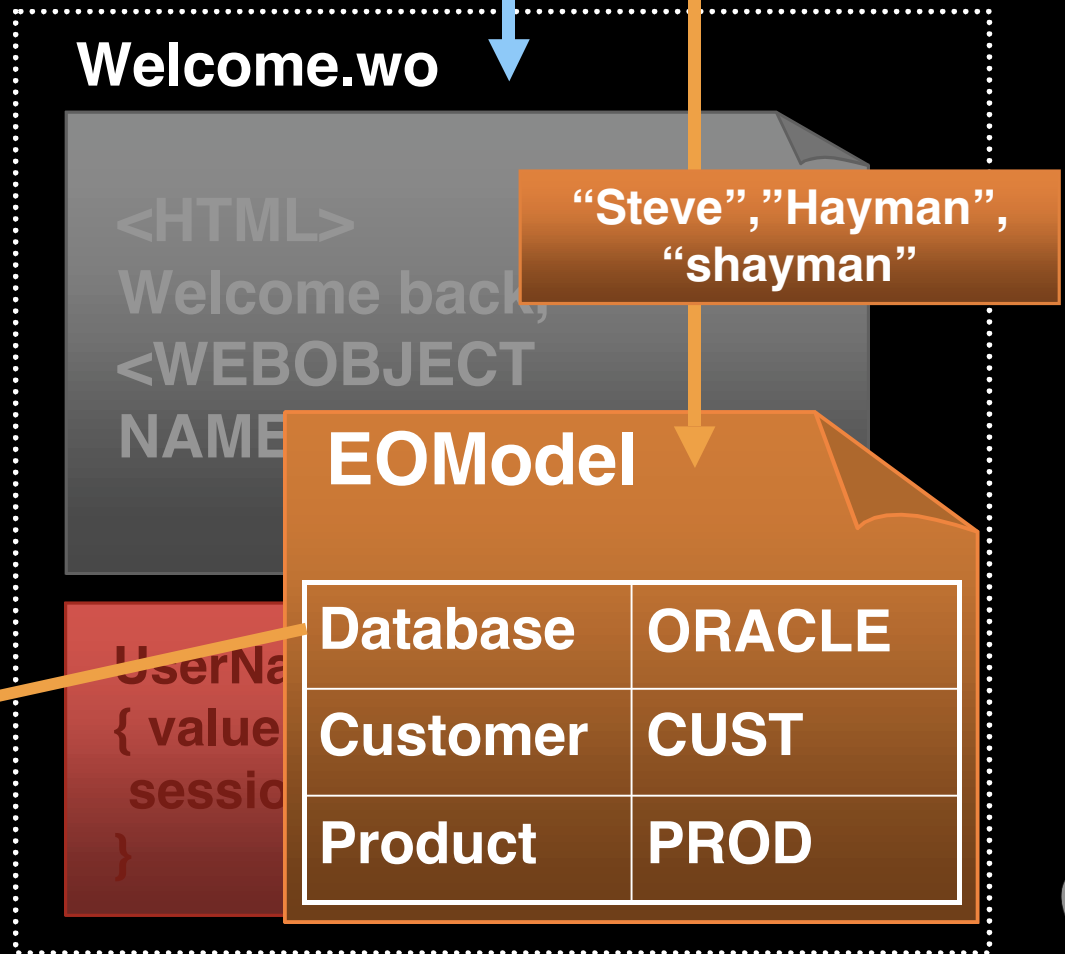


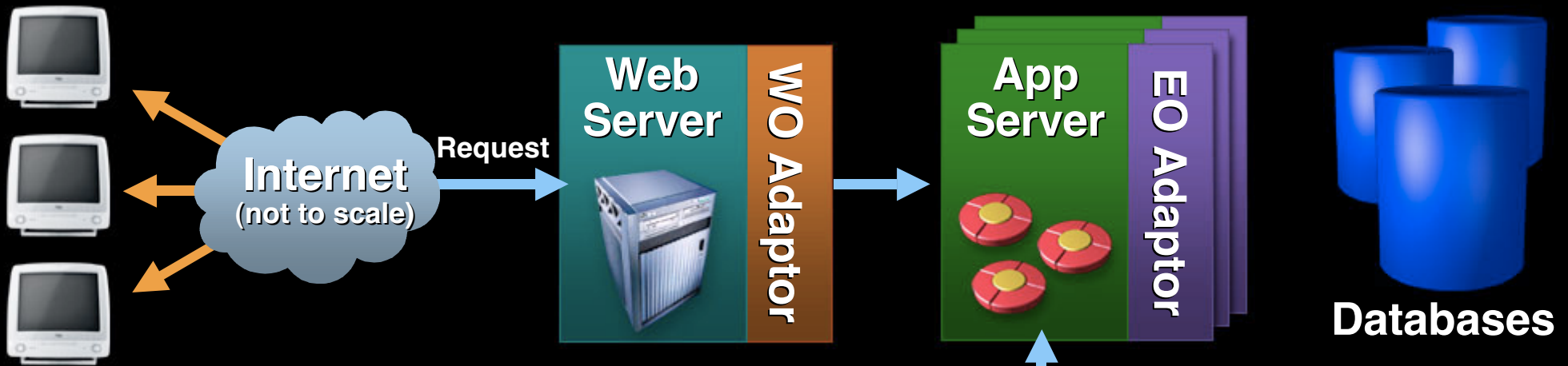
- Any needed objects are fetched from the database
- SQL is generated automatically



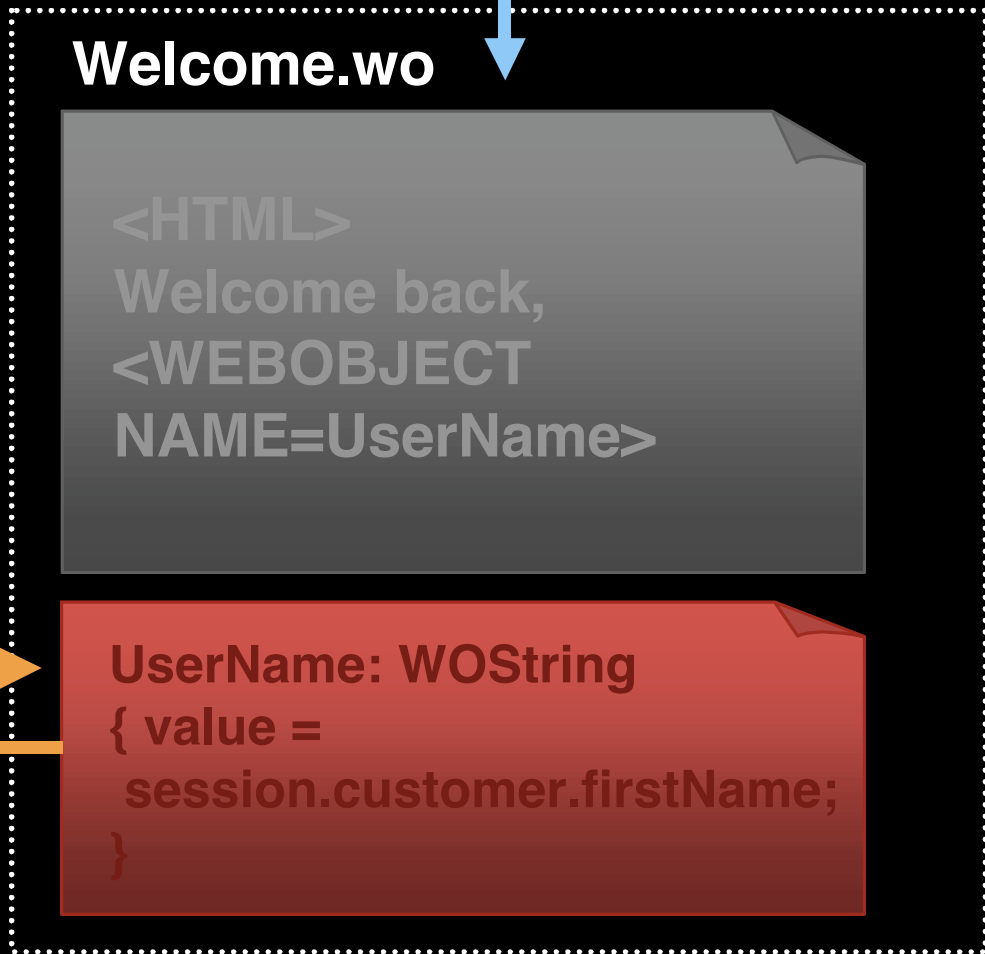
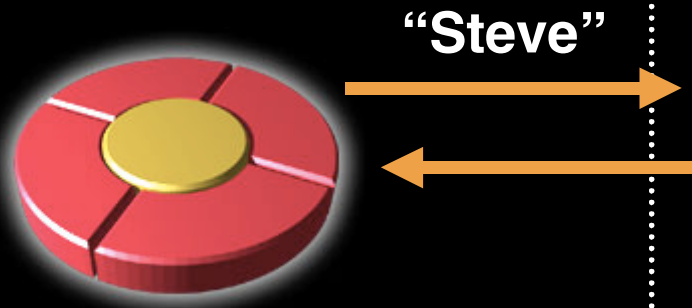


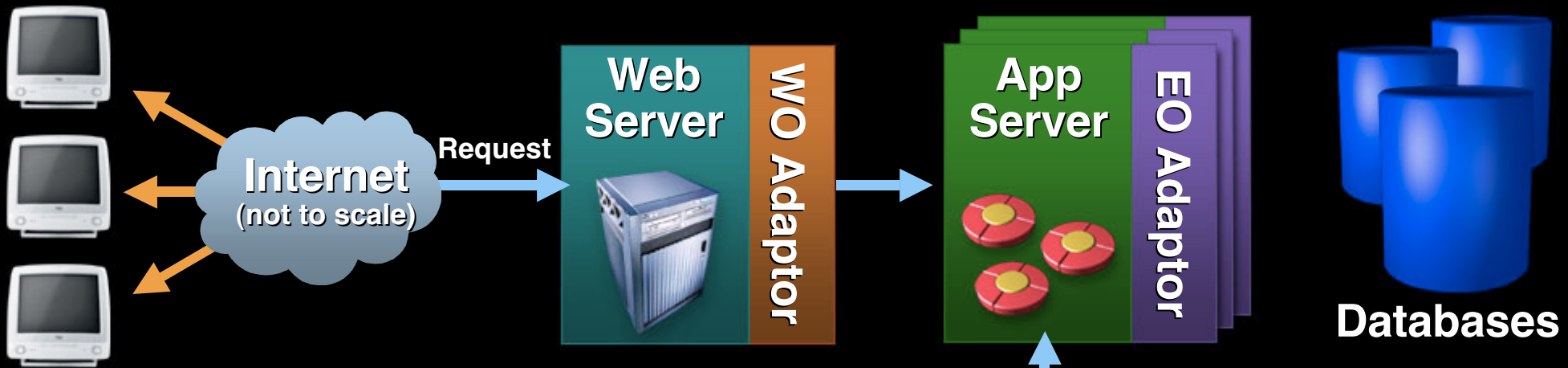
- Rows are returned from the database and converted into Enterprise Objects





- Messages are sent to EOs





- Response is substituted into HTML template



Customer

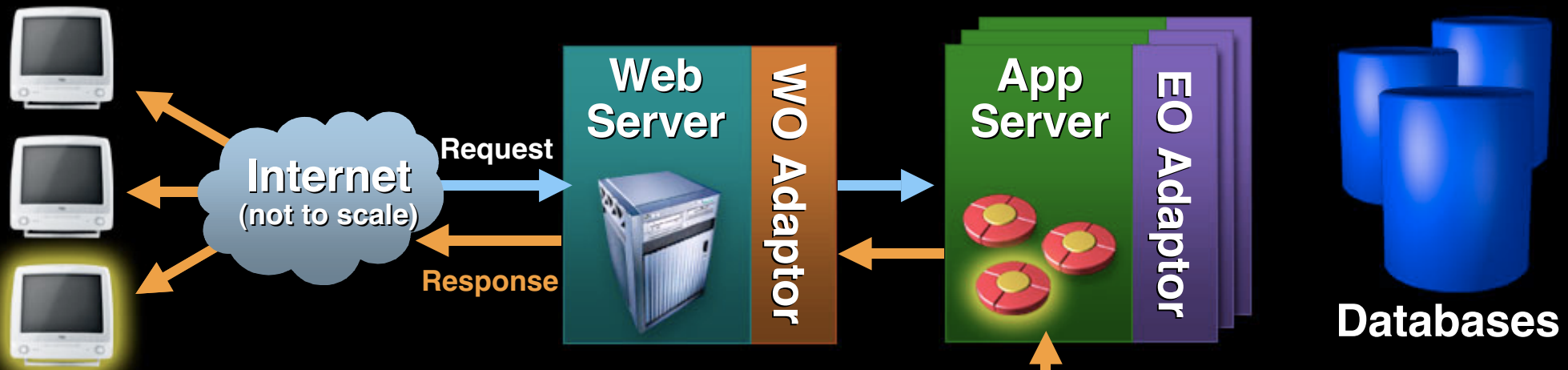
"Steve"

Welcome.wo

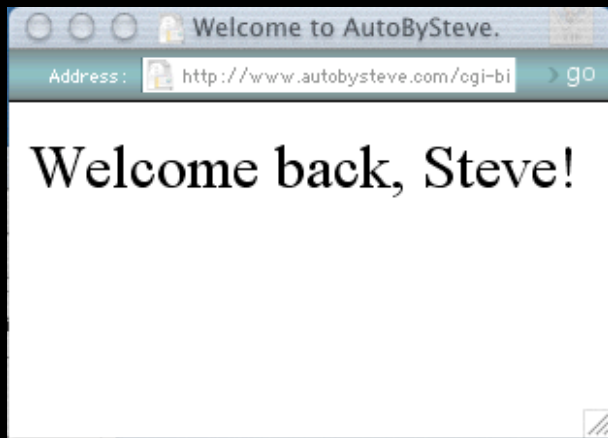
```
<HTML>
Welcome back,
Steve
```

```
UserName: WOString
{ value =
  session.customer.firstName;
}
```





- Session sends plain HTML back to user

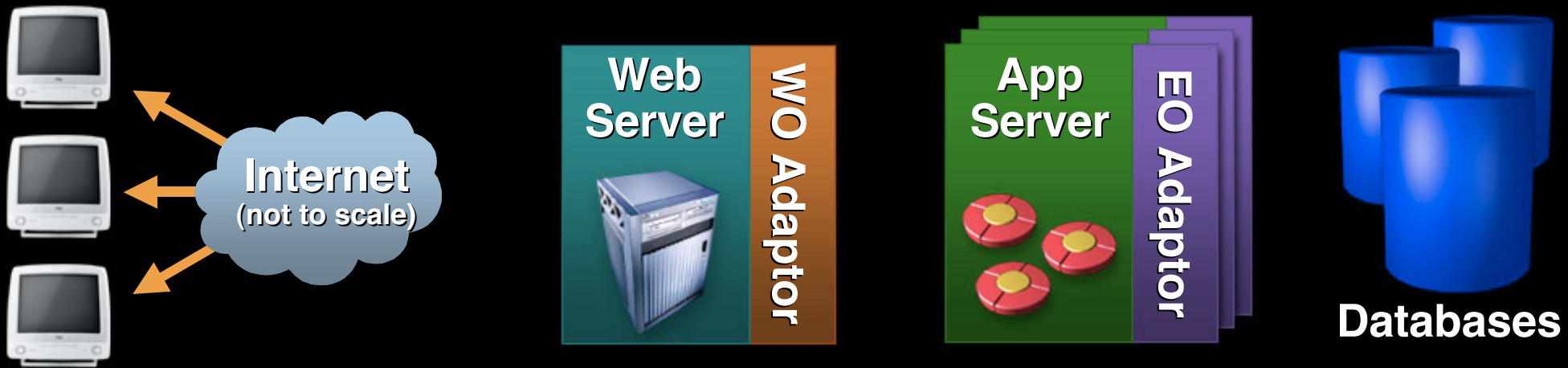


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- That's the Request/Response Loop

```

public void takeValuesFromRequest ( WORequest aRequest,
                                     WOContext aContext )
public WOEElement invokeAction ( WORequest aRequest,
                                    WOContext aContext )
public void appendToResponse ( WOResponse aResponse,
                                 WOContext aContext )

```

- Application, Session, and all Components participate (If they want to)



Please Note!

- No mixing of SQL and HTML
- Database, interface, business logic are all completely separate and independent
- No need to write SQL or HTML at all (Unless you want to)



The Tools



WebObjects Builder



You'll Create WO Components

Main.wo/

- Main.html
- Main.wod

```
<HTML>
This product
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costs
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<HR>
<WEBOBJECT NAME=Link1>
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</WEBOBJECT> to order.
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Image4: WOImage {
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String1: WOString {
  value = product.cost
  numberFormat =
    "$#,###";}
Link1: WOHyperlink {
  action = placeOrder; }
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Main.java

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  public WOComponent placeOrder( ) {
    session().addToShoppingCart(product);
    return pageWithName("Checkout");
  }
}
```



Or, in 5.1—JSP Style

Main.jsp

```
<HTML>
<%@ taglib uri="/WOtaglib_1_0.tld" prefix="wo" %>
<% WOServletAdaptor.initStatics(application); %>
<%@ page import = "com.webobjects.jspervlet.*" %>
<% NSMutableArray cart = new NSMutableArray(); %>
This product
<wo:component className="MyImageComponent">
  <wo:binding key="filename" value='<%= "pic.gif" %>' />
</wo:component>
costs
<wo:component className="WOString">
  <wo:binding key="value" value="product.cost"/>
  <wo:binding key="numberFormat" value="$#,###" />
</wo:component>
<HR>
<wo:component className="WOHyperlink">
  <wo:binding key="action" value="placeOrder"/>
Click here
</wo:component>
to order.
...
```

You'll Create Lots of WO Components

- One for each “page”
- Subcomponents for headers, footers, navigation bars
- Reusable components for common UI elements
- JavaScript client-side tricks
- Components that contain other components



So How Do You Make Those Components?

- They are just text files
- Use whatever you like
 - emacs
 - vi
 - stickies
 - cat

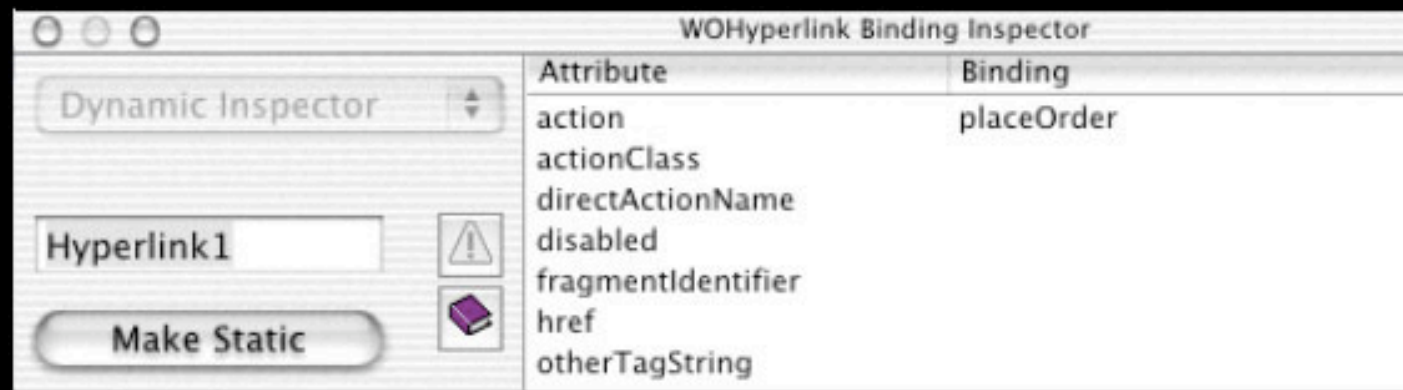


Oh, Come On

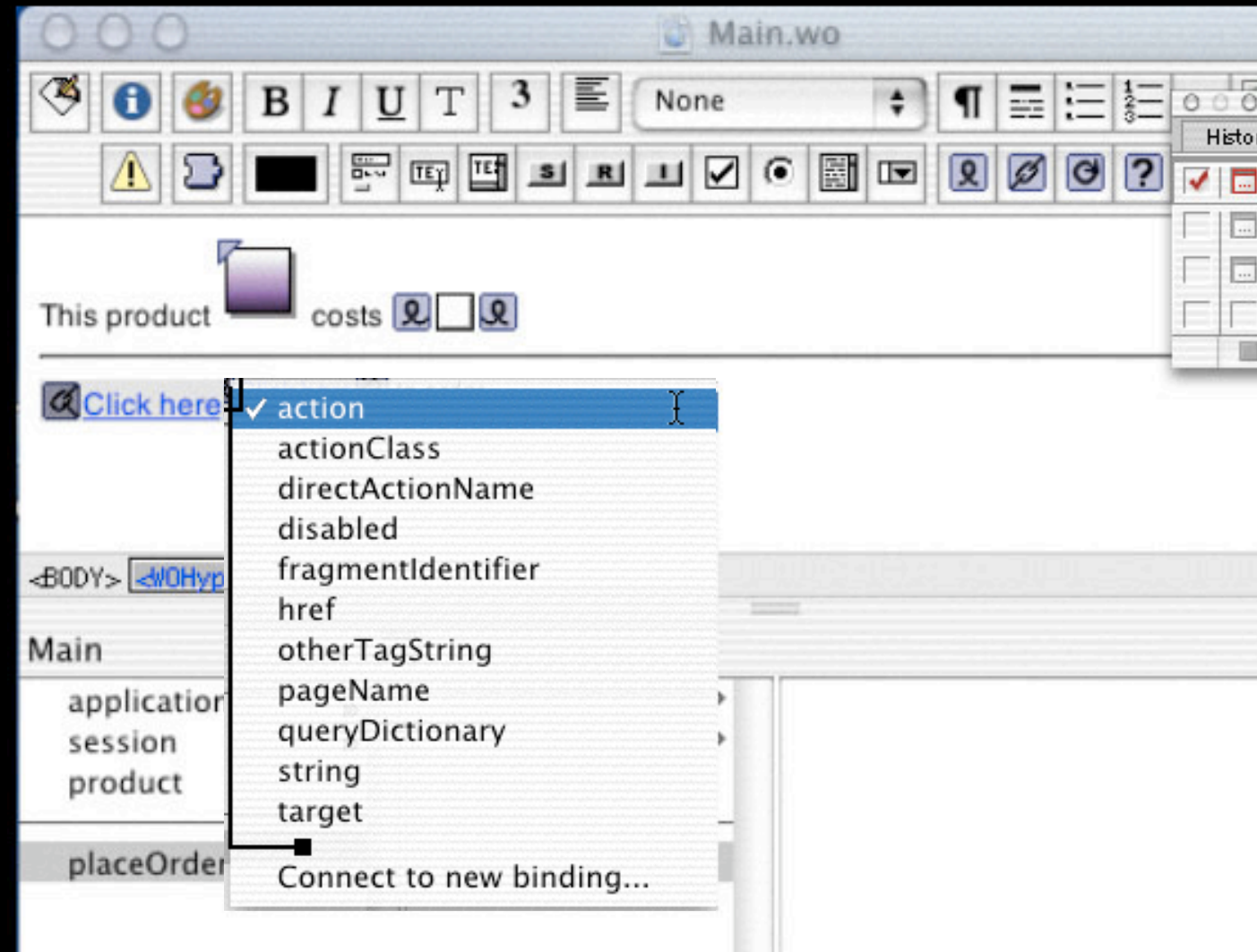
- OK. You can use any WYSIWIG HTML editor
- DreamWeaver
- GoLive
- Or even WebObjects Builder



Inspector

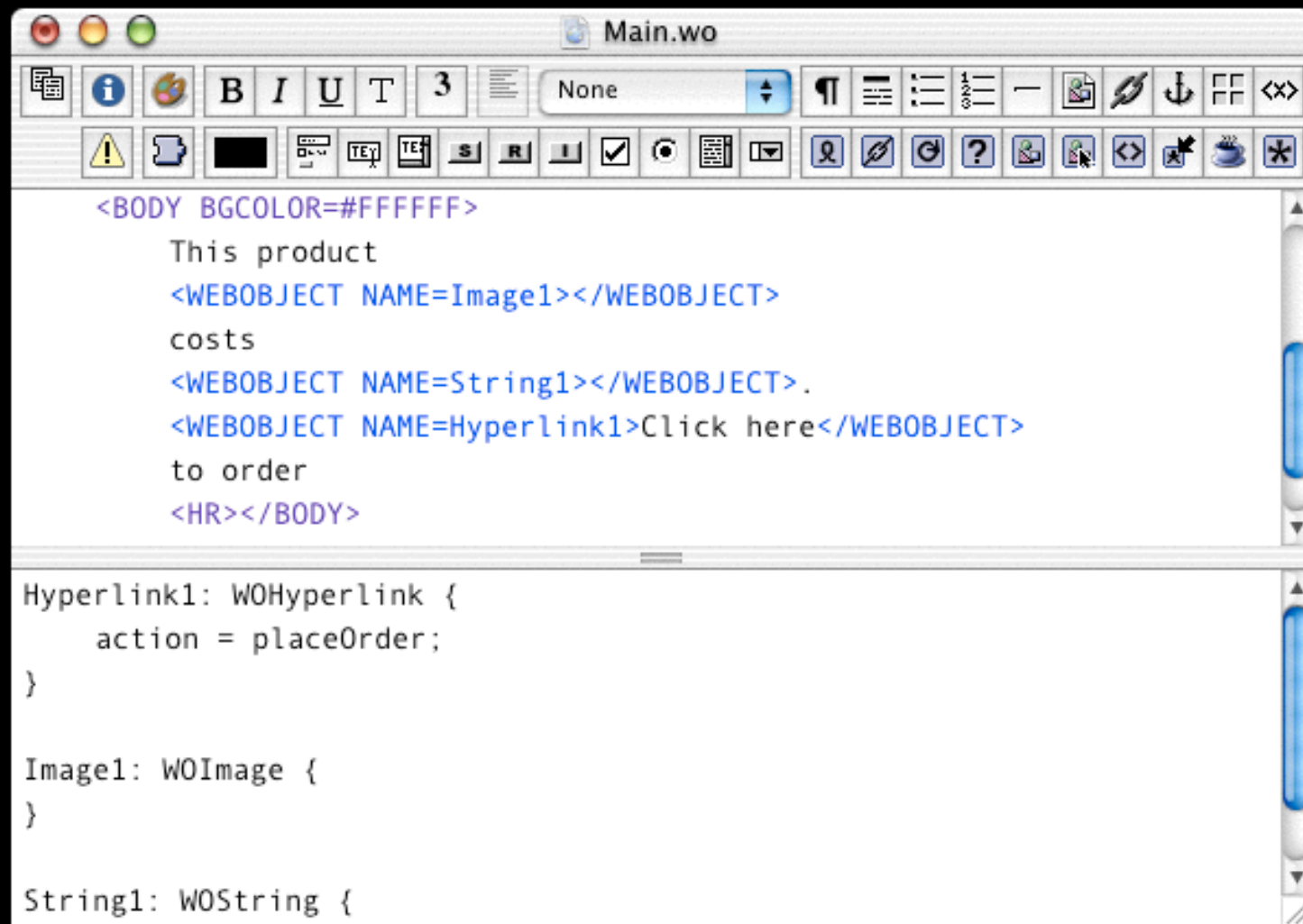


HTML



Objects and Actions

Use WOB in Raw Mode, If You Like



```
<BODY BGCOLOR=#FFFFFF>
  This product
  <WEBOBJECT NAME=Image1></WEBOBJECT>
  costs
  <WEBOBJECT NAME=String1></WEBOBJECT>.
  <WEBOBJECT NAME=Hyperlink1>Click here</WEBOBJECT>
  to order
  <HR></BODY>
```

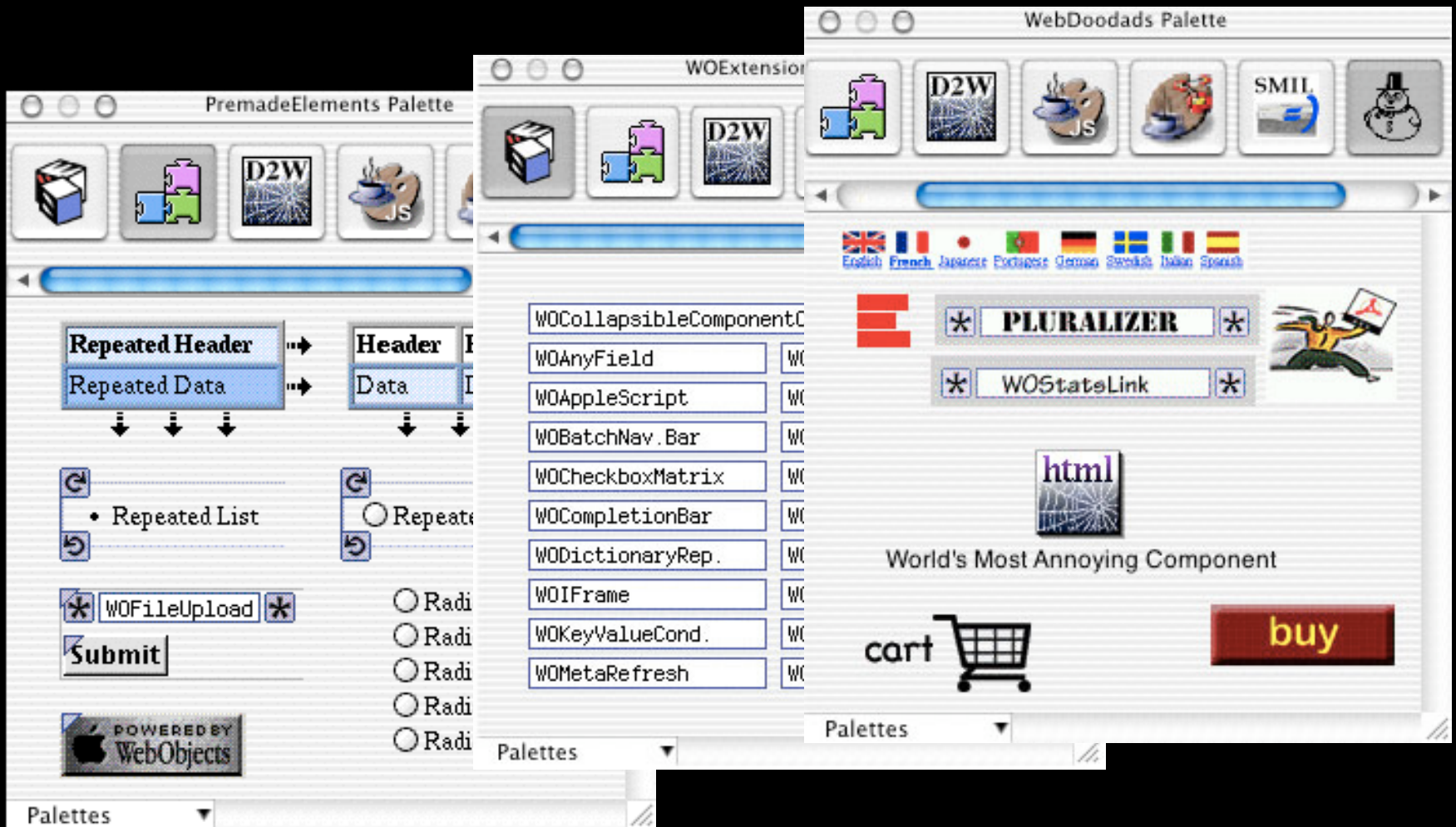
```
Hyperlink1: WOHyperlink {
  action = placeOrder;
}

Image1: WOImage {
}

String1: WOString {
```



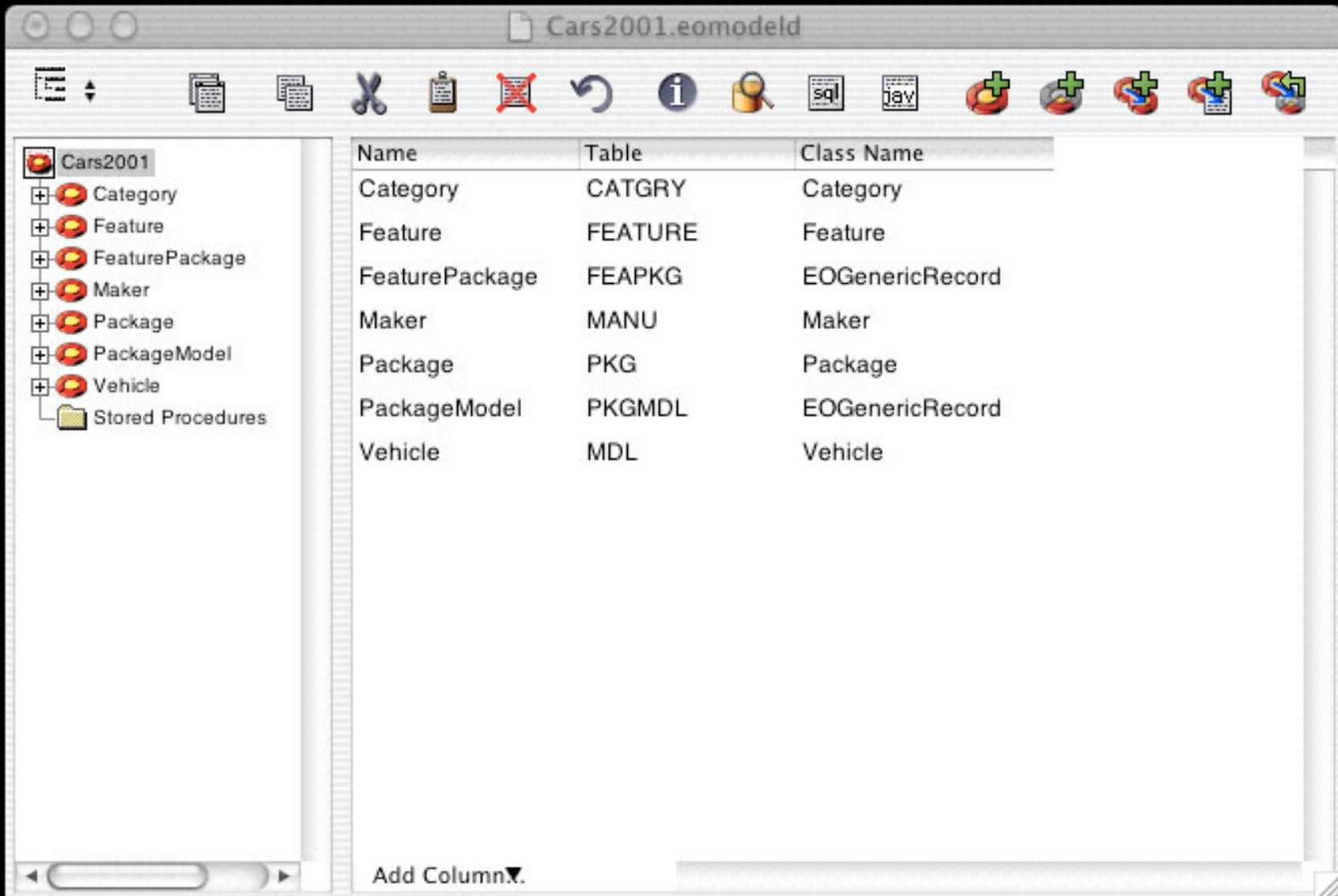
Use Palettes to Organize Your Stuff



EOModeler



An Editor For .eomodeld Files



The screenshot shows a software editor window titled "Cars2001.eomodeld". The interface includes a toolbar with various icons for editing and development, such as a text editor, clipboard, scissors, a red 'X' icon, a circular arrow, an information icon, a magnifying glass, and icons for SQL and Java. On the left side, there is a tree view showing the project structure under "Cars2001":

- Category
- Feature
- FeaturePackage
- Maker
- Package
- PackageModel
- Vehicle
- Stored Procedures

The main area of the editor displays a table with three columns: "Name", "Table", and "Class Name". The table contains the following data:

Name	Table	Class Name
Category	CATGRY	Category
Feature	FEATURE	Feature
FeaturePackage	FEAPKG	EOGenericRecord
Maker	MANU	Maker
Package	PKG	Package
PackageModel	PKGMDL	EOGenericRecord
Vehicle	MDL	Vehicle

At the bottom of the window, there is a scroll bar and a label "Add Column▼".



Database Connection Info . . .

The screenshot shows a software application window titled "Cars2001.eomodeld". A "JDBC Login" dialog box is open, displaying the following information:

- Login Templates:** A dropdown menu showing "OpenBase". Below it are buttons for "Update Template", "New", "Delete", "Import", and "Export".
- Username:** shayman
- Password:** masked with seven dots
- URL:** jdbc:openbase://localhost/Cars
- Driver:** com.openbase.jdbc.ObDriver
- Plugin:** OpenBase

At the bottom of the dialog box are "Cancel" and "OK" buttons. The background application window shows a tree view on the left with categories like "Category", "Feature", "Maker", "Package", "Vehicle", and "Stored".



Entities and Tables

The screenshot shows a software interface for an Entity-Relationship model named 'Cars2001.eomodeld'. On the left is a tree view of the model's entities: Category, Feature, FeaturePackage, Maker, Package, PackageModel, and Vehicle, along with a 'Stored Procedures' folder. The main area is a table with three columns: 'Name', 'Table', and 'Class Name'. The 'Vehicle' row is circled in red, showing its mapping to the 'MDL' table and the 'Vehicle' class name. Below the table, a red double-headed arrow points from the text 'Vehicle objects' to 'the MDL table'.

Name	Table	Class Name
Category	CATGRY	Category
Feature	FEATURE	Feature
FeaturePackage	FEAPKG	EOGenericRecord
Maker	MANU	Maker
Package	PKG	Package
PackageModel	PKGMDL	EOGenericRecord
Vehicle	MDL	Vehicle

Vehicle objects ↔ **the MDL table**



Entity Information

The screenshot shows the 'Vehicle Attributes' table in an Entity Modeler tool. The table has the following columns: Name, Column, Value Class, and External Type. The 'basePrice' attribute is highlighted with a red circle, and a yellow callout box explains that 'vehicle.basePrice()' corresponds to the 'PRMIN' column.

Name	Column	Value Class	External Type
basePrice	PRMIN	NSNumber	int
blurb	ADTAG	NSString	char
imgJpgData	IMG_JPG	NSData	object
loadedPrice	PRMAX	NSNumber	int
manuid	MANUID	NSNumber	int
mdlname	MDLNAM	NSString	char

vehicle.basePrice() == the PRMIN column

The 'Vehicle Relationships' table is also visible below, showing relationships between 'Vehicle' and other entities like 'Category', 'Maker', and 'PackageModel'.

Name	Destination	Source Att	Dest Att	Definition
category	Category	catid	catid	
maker	Maker	manuid	manuid	
pkgmdl	PackageModel	carid	carid	



Relationship Information

vehicle.maker == a Maker object from the MANU table

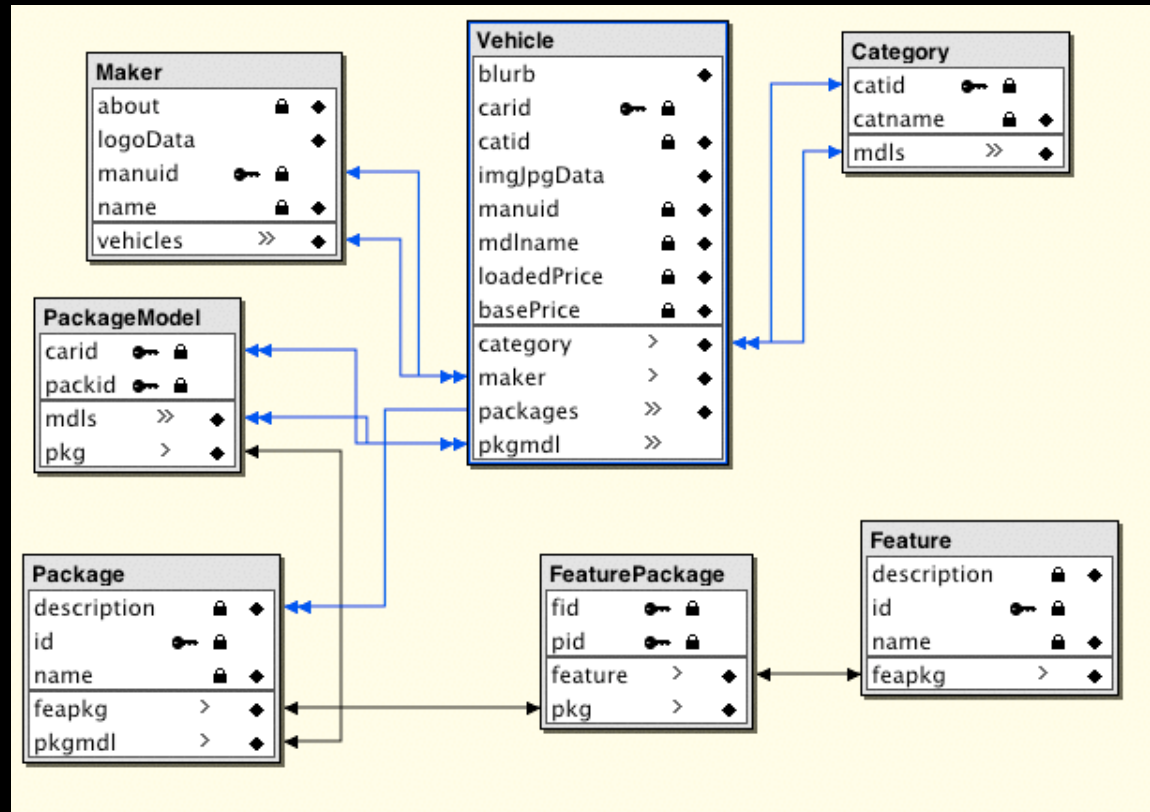
Name	Column	Value Class
basePrice	PRMIN	NSNumber
blurb	ADTAG	NSString
carid	CARID	NSNumber
catid	CATID	NSNumber
imgJpgData	IMG_JPG	NSData
loadedPrice	PRMAX	NSNumber
manuid	MANUID	NSNumber
mdlname	MDLNAM	NSString

Source Attributes	Destination Attributes
basePrice	about
blurb	logoData
carid	manuid
catid	manuname
imgJpgData	
loadedPrice	
manuid	



EOModeler

- Model complex relationships between objects too



vehicle.maker.name

vehicle.packages

maker.vehicles.@avg.basePrice

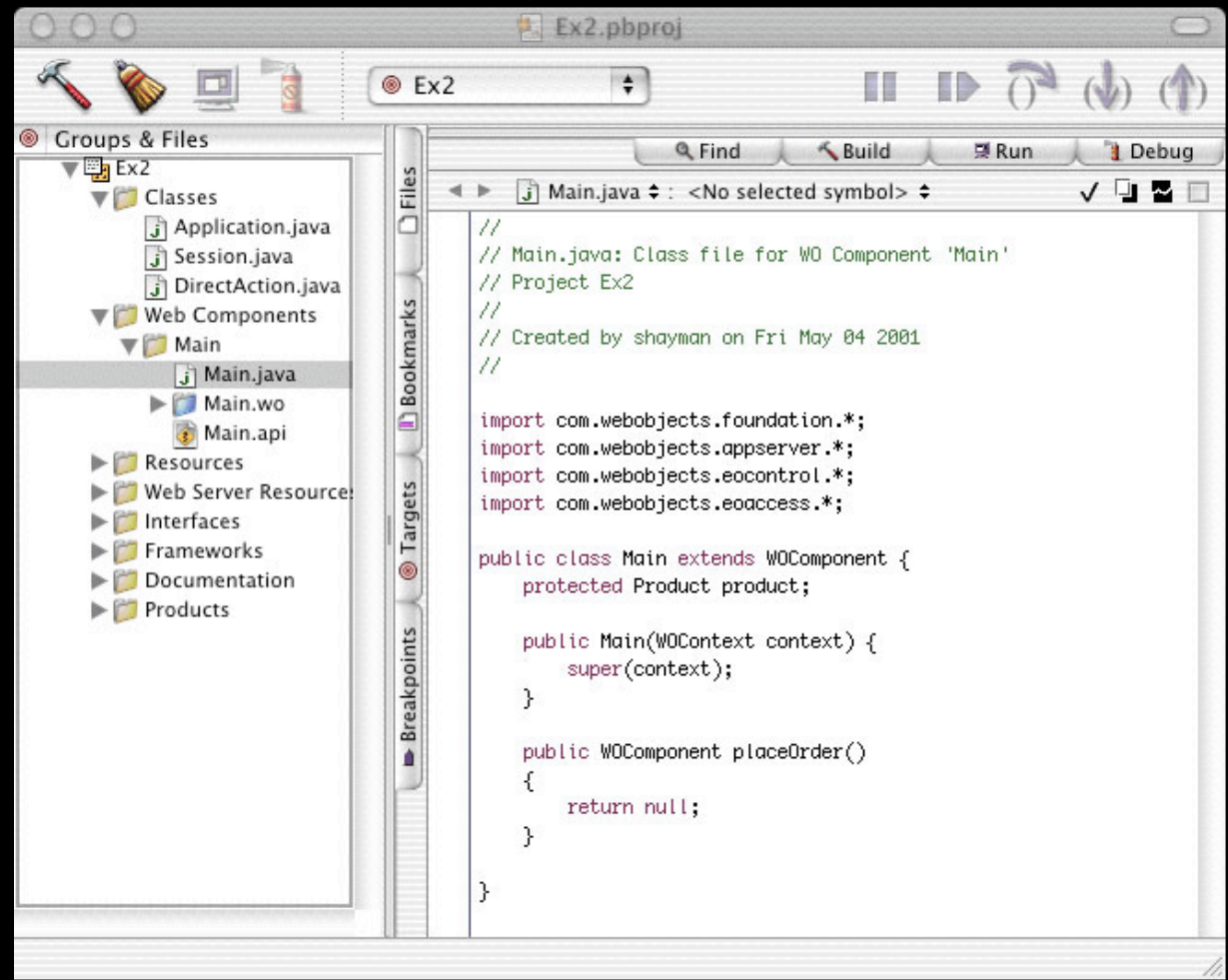


Project Builder



Project Builder

- Coordinates resources
- Code editing and debugging
- Localization





Demo

Now Let's Build Something

Superduper Assistants

Got a model? You are 95% done.



Direct to Web

Your EOModel
+ Direct to Web

A complete, full featured, and
good-looking web app



Direct to Java Client

Your EOModel

+ Direct to Java Client

A complete, full featured, and
good-looking Java-based
application





Demo

Direct to Web
Direct to Java Client

Demo of Servlet Deployment

- Just drag/drop the .war to the right place and restart tomcat
- Provided I remembered to check the right checkbox at the beginning



Deploying Your Application

How do you launch your app and keep it running?



Monitor

- A WebObjects application that manages other WebObjects applications
- Tell it what WO Application Server machines you have, and what applications you'd like to run, and how many instances of each
- A service called wotaskd launches them and keeps them running



Monitor in Action

Monitor

Applications Hosts Site Preferences Help

AutoBySteve

This page automatically updates every 60 seconds.
[Refresh Now](#)

Name	Host - Port	Status	Start - Stop	Auto Recover	Refuse New Sessions	Scheduled	Statistics						Configure	Delete
							Trans-actions	Active Sessions	Average Trans-action	Average Idle Period	Deaths	WOSTats		
AutoBySteve-1	yyz2:2001						-	-	-	-	-	WOSTats		
AutoBySteve-2	yyz2:2002						-	-	-	-	-	WOSTats		
AutoBySteve-3	yyz2:2003						-	-	-	-	-	WOSTats		
AutoBySteve-4	yyz2:2004						-	-	-	-	-	WOSTats		
AutoBySteve-5	yyz2:2005						-	-	-	-	-	WOSTats		
ALL INSTANCES:							0	0	0.000	0.000	Clear Deaths	0.00 TPM		

Local machine zone



Servlet Deployment

New in 5.1

- Copy YourApp.war to the appropriate place
- Let the Servlet Container worry about it





Learning More

WebObjects Training Classes

- Programming WebObjects I
- Programming WebObjects II
- WebObjects Deployment



WebObjects Lab

- Located downstairs in Room L
 - Lab hours
 - Monday 12:00pm–6:00pm
 - Tuesday 9:00am–2:00pm*
 - Wednesday 9:00am–6:00pm
 - Thursday 9:00am–6:00pm
 - Friday 9:00am–6:00pm
- * Conversion Workshop Tuesday 2-6pm. Sign up in Lab



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702 Introduction to WebObjects Tools

Room A1
Tues., 2:00pm

**703 Intro to Enterprise Objects
Frameworks**

Room A1
Tues., 3:30pm

FF013 Feedback Forum: WebObjects

Room A1
Fri., 3:30pm



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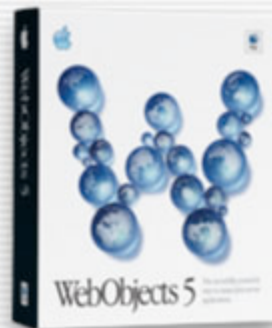
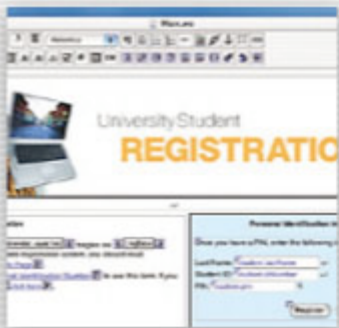
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